

REPAIRING FINGERNAIL CUTS ON A WETSUIT

It can happen to anyone, and when you do accidentally put a fingernail cut into your wetsuit, don't worry! You can repair it at home by just following these 4 easy steps.

Start with some neoprene glue and 3 basic household items.

- a) Neoprene repair cement tube (available through Zone3 or any diving shop)
- b) cotton ear-bud
- c) scissors
- d) household cellophane tape



2) Clean and prep the surface in and around the fingernail cut.

Make sure the area in and around the fingernail cut is dry and clean. If dirty, use a warm damp rag to clean the surrounding area. Make sure that area is completely dry before commencing the next step.



3) Applying wetsuit glue to the fingernail cut.

For best results, apply the wetsuit cement to the fingernail cut with an applicator. by cutting off one end of a cotton swab with the scissors, you've just made the perfect glue applicator.

Lightly pinch the neoprene together as pictured to open up the fingernail cut. Using the cotton swab, apply a small quantity of glue to the inside and outside edges of the cut. when you release the neoprene, some glue should ooze out. The secret to a good repair is to have a thin film of glue on the outside surface of the cut as well as inside.



4) Making sure the cut remains together until the glue dries

Now that the glue has been applied, you have to make sure the cut does not open up. this is done by applying a small piece of cellophane tape perpendicularly across the cut. this will hold the two sides together until the glue dries.

Ideally you want to allow the glue to dry over night, but a few hours will do. Once the glue is dry to the touch, gently peel the tape away. Due to the surface treatment of the wetsuit neoprene, the tape will come off easily and at the same time remove any excess glue on the surface.

The cut has now been repaired, and you can use your suit as normal.



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