

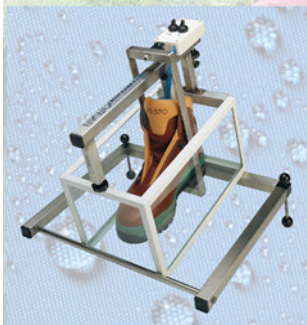
Nikwax only manufacture products which have been shown by controlled testing and 'wear' trials to be effective.

**Nikwax WaterBased** products are supplied with a sponge applicator. Our rigorous testing procedures show that this is the most effective way of applying product without waste.

Nikwax products are tested on real boots with our **Flex Testing Programme**. This mimics the flexing action of a person walking. The above chart shows the combined results of tests on a variety of fabric and leather footwear.

- One boot of a pair is left untreated and the other receives successive applications of Nikwax **Fabric & Leather** Proofing.
- After each application the boots are flexed for 1.5 hours in water.
- The boots are then weighed to determine the amount of water absorbed.
- As the chart shows water absorption is drastically reduced.

Nikwax WaterBased waterproofing performance will continue to improve after the first 3-4 treatments if allowed to dry completely between applications. After that, periodic treatment is needed to maintain excellent water-repellency.



Nikwax Boot Flex Tester®

## Nikwax WaterBased



Nikwax minimise the environmental impact of reproofing by using water instead of solvents wherever possible and never producing aerosols.

Solvents and aerosol gases have a powerful greenhouse effect as well as being highly flammable and harmful to the user.

Nikwax WaterBased treatments are repelled from areas of the boot that are already waterproof. There is no risk of over-treating nor waste through applying product to areas where they are not required.

As the components of the emulsion are carried in water, application of Nikwax WaterBased treatments to a damp boot will allow the active ingredients to be drawn deep into the leather or fabric. This offers a distinct advantage as the product is preferentially drawn into those areas where it is needed most and is more convenient because you do not need to dry out the boots first. Simply sponge the product onto the boot and work into the leather or fabric and all stitching and seams.

If a traditional leather treatment, based on oils and grease, is over-applied, boots can soften excessively leading to a lack of foot support and accelerated ageing of the leather. Nikwax WaterBased treatments are only absorbed where the leather needs them, and so cannot be over-applied.

**Nikwax WaterBased are recommended for use on boots that incorporate waterproof/breathable linings, such as Gore-Tex® and Sympatex®.**

Gore-Tex is a registered trademark of WL Gore & Associates, Sympatex is a registered trademark of Enka AG.

Nikwax WaterBased waterproofing selected by the Design Council as Millennium products as examples of excellent innovation.

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## Care & Maintenance for all Footwear



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## Cleaning

Keeping your boots clean is probably the biggest favour that you can do them. Small particles of dirt can work their way into the fibres of leather or fabric, cutting and causing fatigue. Dirt can also promote the growth of micro organisms which in turn leads to the decay of leather.

**When you get in from a walk, always:**

1. Rinse off mud and dirt with cold water, using a nylon brush if necessary.
2. Any remaining dirt and stains should be cleaned off with Nikwax **Footwear Cleaning Gel**. Shake off excess water and apply the Footwear Cleaning Gel directly onto the boot. Then scrub with a nylon brush and rinse with clean water.



### General Aftercare

Perspiration has a high salt content and will eventually build up in the lining of a boot, (especially if you are unable to change your socks frequently!). We recommend, once every few months, completely fill your boots with water and leave them to soak overnight. Next morning, tip out the water and rinse out the inside of the boot.

Keeping the inside of your boots clean will also minimise the risk of fungal infections to the feet, such as athlete's foot

## Proofing

Nikwax Waterbased proofing products can be applied to **wet or dry** footwear, so there is no need to wait for your boots to dry before application.

Simply apply an even coating of the appropriate product to your footwear, wipe off any excess and allow to dry naturally.

All Nikwax WaterBased products are suitable for footwear with breathable linings such as Gore-Tex® and Sympatex®.

### Leather Boots

For full grain leather footwear use Nikwax **Aqueous Wax** Waterproofing.



Aqueous Wax is available in neutral, black and brown.



### Fabric & Leather Boots

For fabric and leather combination footwear use Nikwax **Fabric & Leather** Footwear Proofing.



### Nubuck & Suede Boots

For nubuck and suede footwear use Nikwax **Nubuck & Suede** Proofing. For best results on nubuck apply whilst still wet.

On some nubuck footwear, Nubuck & Suede may darken the appearance of the nubuck. Test on a hidden area first. Any flattening of the leather texture can be easily corrected by using a suede brush.



## Conditioning

Full grain leather benefits from occasional conditioning. Nikwax **Conditioner for Leather** will soften stiff leather and make it more supple and flexible by lubricating the individual leather fibres. The application of Nikwax Conditioner for Leather can be used to help break in a new pair of leather boots or revive leather which has become dried out and brittle.



## Drying

All Nikwax WaterBased treatments will give a much better performance after the treatment has been allowed to dry and cure completely, (allow a few hours).

It is important to dry off any metal parts, (ie, lacing hooks and eyes) after treating footwear, to prevent rusting.

Never put your boots in an oven, on a radiator, next to the fire, or apply direct heat to them. Excess heat can cause the leather to crack or bonded soles to peel away.

Stuff wet boots with newspaper and put them in a warm, but not hot, place to dry out. Change the paper once it becomes saturated.

