



EDGE / HOG Hoods, Boots, and Gloves User Manual

Congratulations on your purchase of EDGE / HOG thermal accessories. In choosing EDGE / HOG, you have selected accessories that are far more than just "add-ons"—they are precision-engineered components of your total thermal protection system. We understand that the body loses heat most rapidly through the head and extremities; therefore, we have dedicated significant R&D to ensuring our hoods, boots, and gloves provide the ultimate balance of warmth, dexterity, and durability.

Every seam, zipper, and material thickness has been scrutinized through rigorous field testing. Our accessories are crafted from premium high-stretch neoprene and feature anatomical shaping to eliminate "dead spaces" where cold water can pool. Whether you are navigating a silty wreck in HOG boots or performing delicate tasks in our technical gloves, you can feel the detail and craftsmanship we put into every stitch. We are proud to help you stay warmer and dive longer with professional-grade protection for your most vital extremities.

⚠ DANGER: SAFETY FIRST

IMPROPER USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

- **THERMAL LIMITS:** These accessories are designed to slow heat loss, not eliminate it. Be aware of the signs of hypothermia, particularly numbness in the fingers and toes, which can impair your ability to operate safety equipment.
- **DEXTERITY WARNING:** Thick gloves can reduce your ability to feel and operate small buckles, clips, and valves. Practice operating your gear while wearing your gloves in a controlled environment before diving.
- **CIRCULATION:** Ensure your boots and gloves are not too tight. Excessive restriction at the wrists or ankles can reduce blood flow, leading to colder extremities and increased risk of cramping or decompression issues.
- **BUOYANCY:** Neoprene accessories add buoyancy. Always perform a buoyancy check when changing your thermal configuration.



1. Purpose & Design Philosophy

Our hoods, boots, and gloves are designed to complete the "seal" of your wetsuit or drysuit system:

- **Hoods:** Anatomically shaped to reduce jaw fatigue and prevent "ballooning" by utilizing strategic venting systems that allow trapped air to escape without letting cold water in.
 - **Boots:** Built with heavy-duty, high-traction soles and reinforced heel caps to provide stability on slippery boat decks and support within the fin pocket.
 - **Gloves:** Engineered for maximum dexterity. We use pre-curved finger patterns to reduce hand fatigue and specialized palm coatings to provide a secure grip on lights, reels, and SPGs.
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2. Product Features

- **High-Stretch Neoprene:** Allows for easy donning and doffing while providing a snug, contoured fit that minimizes water exchange.
 - **Glued & Blind-Stitched (GBS) Seams:** Most models feature GBS seams to ensure a waterproof seal and increased longevity.
 - **Traction & Protection:** Boots feature puncture-resistant soles, while gloves are equipped with abrasion-resistant textures for handling lines and rocky entries.
 - **Internal Thermal Liners:** Advanced quick-dry liners reflect body heat and make the gear feel warmer against the skin.
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3. Sizing, Fit, and Preparation

Proper Fit:

- **Hoods:** Should be snug around the face and neck without restricting the ability to swallow or breathe.
- **Boots:** Should fit like a sturdy hiking boot; toes should not be cramped, but the foot should not slide inside the boot when kicking.
- **Gloves:** Fingers should reach the ends of the glove tips without stretching the neoprene thin.

Preparation: When wearing a hood, ensure your mask skirt is tucked **under** the hood's face seal (for silicone-to-skin contact) or the hood is tucked under your wetsuit collar to minimize water entry.



4. User Care & Maintenance

- **Fresh Water Rinse:** Thoroughly rinse inside and out after every dive. Salt and bacteria are particularly prone to building up inside boots and gloves.
- **Proper Drying:** Turn gloves and boots inside-out if possible to ensure the internal liners dry completely. Use a dedicated accessory dryer or hang in a well-ventilated area.
- **Avoid Heat & UV:** Never dry your accessories in direct sunlight or on a radiator, as this will cause the neoprene to lose its elasticity and shrink.
- **Odor Management:** Periodically use a specialized "wetgoods" cleaner to prevent "boot smell" and bacterial growth.

5. Warranty Information

EDGE / HOG warrants to the original purchaser that these accessories are free from defects in materials and workmanship for **one year** from the date of purchase.

- **Not Covered:** Normal wear and tear, punctures from sharp rocks or barnacles, damage from chlorinated water, or fading due to UV exposure.

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Owner's Record

Staple your sales receipt here for reference and warranty validation.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Date of Purchase: _____ **Product Model:** _____

Serial Number: _____ **Dealer:** _____