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Re: Zippered Waders
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Killwell,
Just got a pair of Redington Sonic Pro Zipfronts, i have been out twice since i got them and i am very happy and i was willing to shell out for the Simms G4Z zippered,but now i have 350+ more clams in my pocket to spend on a Greys 11' 4 wt.

If I may concur,my last pair of breathable waders were Redington Barrierflex stockingfoot,and they lasted approximately 14 years before I bought these and i could still wear these as well .
they did not ever have a leak untill three years ago.The material looked wrinkeled and was compromised so i did the alcohol thing and fixed the pinholes and wore them untill they leaked where the booties attach to the legs.I also wore these waders at least 150-200 days a year for the first four years and i was extremely careful around wild rose/wild blackberry/and devil's club.the only mistake i probably ever did to shorten their life was by putting my waders away folded and wet.They smelled terrible and got mildewed so i had to scrub them lightly, i also washed them with prewash{revivex} and then retreated them with revivex just like my wading jackets. I have never had any water penetration by doing this.
I have a buddy that was a confirmed Hodgeman breathable guy...he wears Simms G3's now.
The only two hodgeman waders i can swear by are my Lakestream 5 mm thinsulate bootfoot neoprene and they don't make that model any longer, and i would not hesitate to buy their hip boots with felt soles till the felt is banned in Pa.
Hope this Helps
Tight Wraps & Tight Lines
Rick Wallace