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As I read these post there are many things I question; but the fact is that all waders leak sometime. If not; they don't get used very much or at least very hard. I have had a pair of Simms older Rivershed waders(3 layer Gore-Tex top/5 Layer bottom) for 6-7 years. I abuse the #censor# out of them. I have patched more pin hole leaks from brush alone than I can honestly now count, and one seem leak that was no questions asked repaired by Simms.

I recently got a pair of the zip front Redington Sonic Pro's for a very low price, and so far I feel they are just as good as the Simms. Actually they fit better. The only complaint would be that the neoprene booties are thinner, but not that either really keep your feet warm. They seem just as durable, and basically have all the same features as the \$700+ G4 zip fronts at a half or less the cost.

No brainer. They will all wear and leak someday. They will all need patched someday. It all comes down to how much you want to spend now. This is coming from a guy that swore he would never wear anything but Simms. Well; Simms is great, but they're gonna out price themselves because the competition is getting better and cheaper. Unfortunately Made in America shouldn't justify \$700-\$800!