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NEW GUIDE:

Tougher than your last
three pairs of waders.

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The Guide Sonic waders are the logical extension of our Silver Sonic wader line. Although both lab and field tests have shown the regular Sonic Convertibles and Zippered models to be extremely durable—with a huge increase in durability and a miniscule return rate for leaking waders—we wanted to add a model that would be up to withstanding the abuse a professional guide would give a pair of waders over multiple seasons. Enter the Guide Sonic.

- The new Guide Sonics are 300% more abrasion resistant than the regular Silver Sonics, and 52% more abrasion resistant than Simms G3.
- They are 40% more puncture resistant than regular Silver Sonics and 8% more puncture resistant than Simms G3.
- They are 29% more breathable than regular Silver Sonics and 6% more breathable than Simms G3.

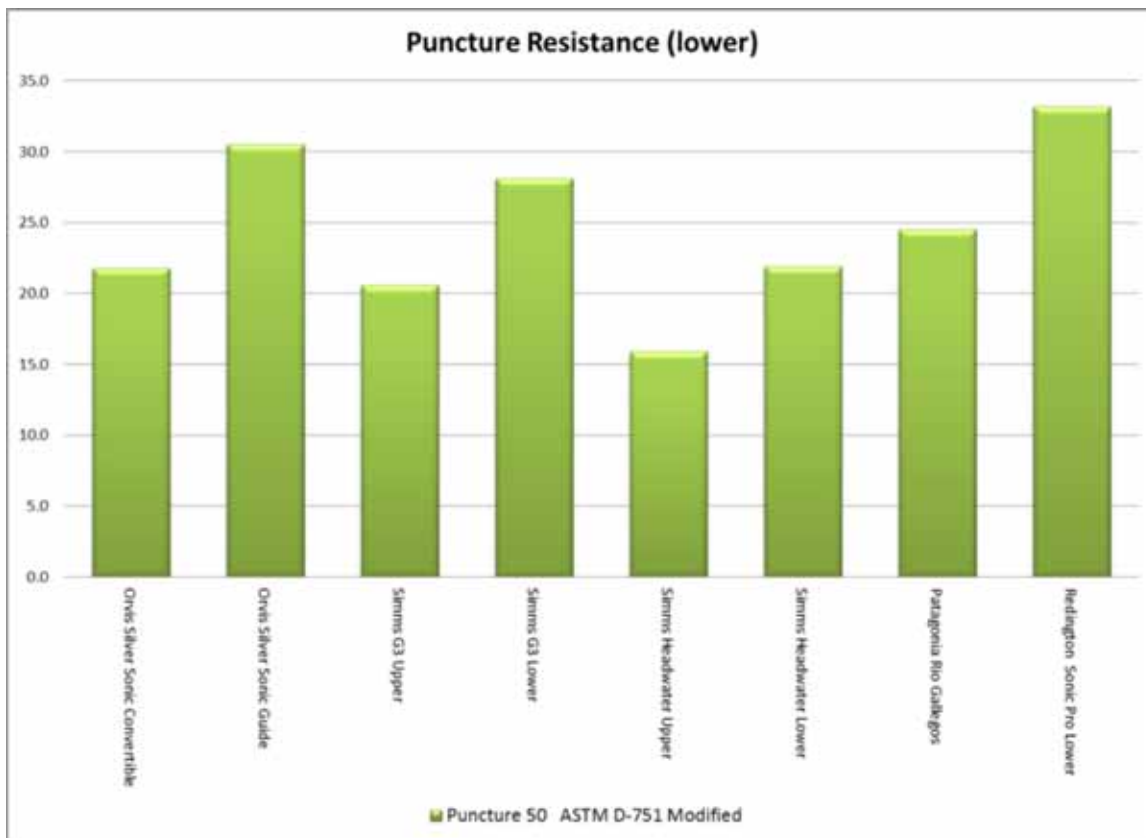
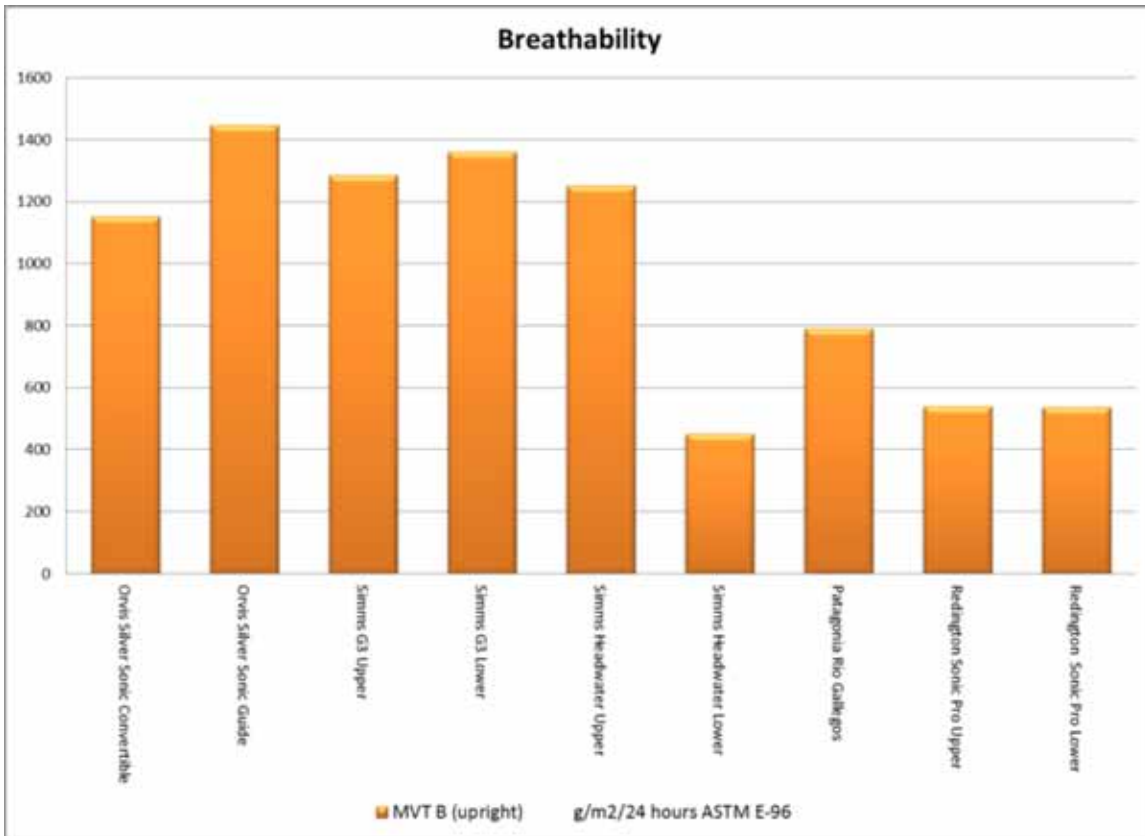
I used them for approximately 200+ hours.

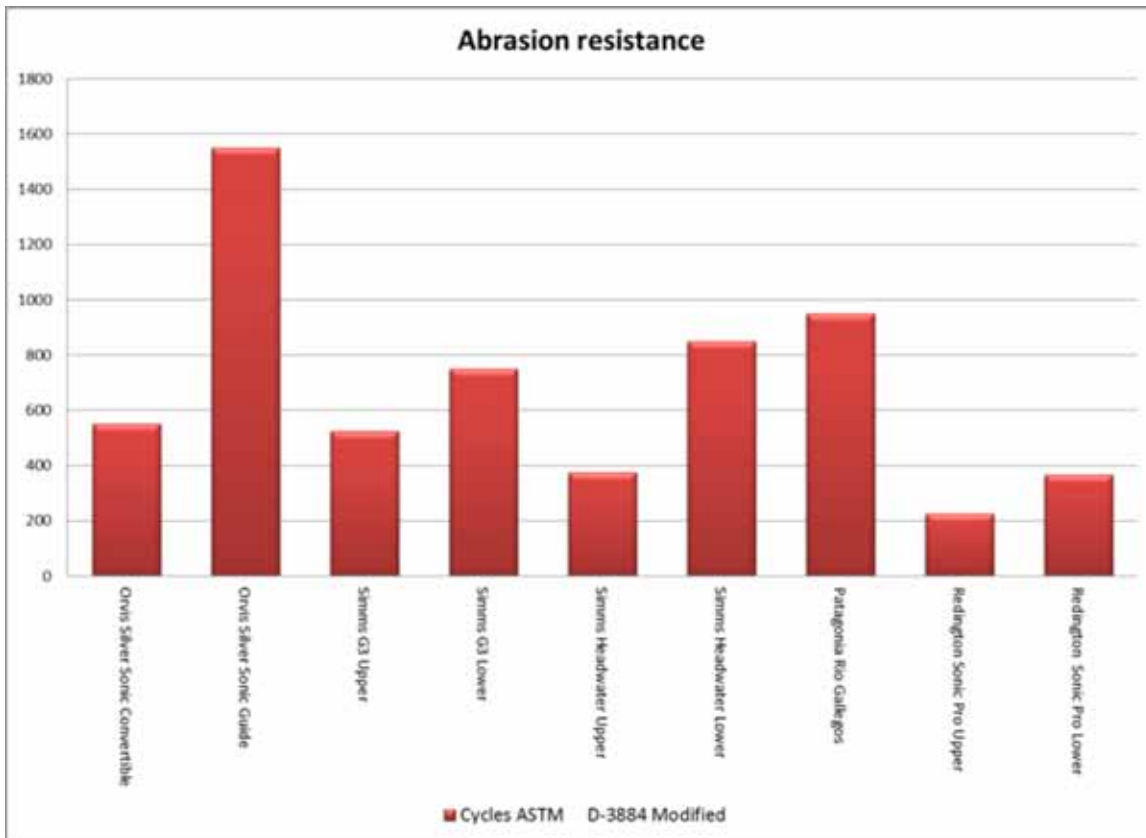
Durability: Waders held up well considering the hard usage I put them through. Walking through bushes that had sharp limbs and berry vines with stickers did not puncture waders, in fact I was rather surprised that no leaks occurred. Using them in a boat while rowing did not produce any signs of wear in the seat or usual areas around the waist.

Breathability: I am used to using Gore-Tex® laminates in my waders due to its ability to wick moisture. The Orvis Sonic guide wader performed as well as any Gore-Tex laminate that I have ever used even in temperatures exceeding 90 degrees.

Thank you for the opportunity to try out a product that I believe in, by a manufacturer that has the potential to create one of the finest waders in the industry!

*-Jeff Putnam, Jeff Putnam's Fly Fishing Schools,
Sacramento, CA*





All of the above tests were done by Maggill Labs, an independent fabric testing lab.

We've been using Silver Sonic waders for our clients for over a year now and have had astounding results. We write the date they're put into service on the inside of each pair to see how long they last (have always done this with Simms also) and we have yet to have a pair taken out of service for leaks. We put a lot of days on them.

-Jimmy Harris, Unicoi Outfitters



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Simms has Gore-Tex® in their waders. Does that make them better?

Gore-Tex is an excellent waterproof/breathable material. We use our own combination of a waterproof breathable membrane and coating in our 4-layer laminate. As you can see by the test results above, our waders are more breathable than Simms G3 and G4 waders, but that is largely due to the fact Simms uses a 5-layer fabric on their legs and we use a 4-layer laminate throughout. The benefits of Gore-Tex are somewhat hindered by that extra layer of fabric.

And as you can see by the charts above and the table below, the Guide Sonics are more puncture-resistant and more abrasion-resistant than Simms G3s, yet are considerably lighter than the G3s because our 4-layer fabric is more than adequate for superior puncture and abrasion resistance.

Also of note, Gore charges a premium price for their fabric, which adds to the final cost of waders.

Overall impression: I have several pairs of Simms waders and I am wearing the Orvis models exclusively. Great waders at a good price point.

-Lance Wilt, Guide, TCO Fly Shop, PA

Brand	Model	Number of sizes available	Weight in size L	Price
Orvis	Silver Sonics	14	39	\$279.00
Orvis	Guide Sonics	14	42	\$395.00
Redington	Sonic Pro	12	45	\$299.95
Simms	Headwater	13	43	\$349.95
Simms	Freestone	7	38	\$249.95
Simms	G3	18	50	\$499.95
Simms	G4	18	53	\$699.95
Patagonia	Rio Azul	19	31	\$239.00
Patagonia	Water Master	19	41	\$299.00
Patagonia	Rio Gallegos	19	43	\$449.00

I have had leaking problems with Orvis waders before. Why should I trust them now?

The first thing you should know is that since the introduction of our patented Sonic Seam technology (Redington uses this technology by licensing it from us) our leaking problems, both from seam leakage and abrasion, have been virtually eliminated. Waders, like all garments, eventually wear out but the Sonic technology makes the seams last as long as the fabric. The premise behind Sonic technology is simple—by eliminating stitch holes in the fabric, the pieces of fabric are waterproof as soon as they are joined. These seams are also lighter, more flexible, and lower-profile than stitched and folded seams. But we take wader quality very seriously, so we have implemented unprecedented steps to ensure we have the highest quality in the industry:

1. Every wading bootie is tested for waterproofness before it is attached to the wader body.
2. Every wader body is tested for waterproofness before being attached to the bootie.
3. Every single pair of waders is tested once assembled.
4. An Orvis employee supervises and spot checks wader production to make sure the waders are properly assembled and tested.
5. A third-party testing facility then tests each shipment of waders for waterproofness with a compressed air test and a water hang test.
6. The third party inspects each wader shipment for fit and finish, and makes sure the waders are exactly on spec for sizing.
7. Once the waders arrive in our warehouse, they are once again given a quality control check. Thus all shipments of waders go through three different steps of quality control.

The breathability is really good in the hot weather, but they also work well with heavy layering too. No leaks and I have attempted to abuse them in anything that typically messes waders up in Oregon. Very comfy and enjoyable to wear. Seems like these sonic welds work better than anything I have ever dealt with so far for durability.

-Brian Marz, Guide and fishing manager, Portland, OR

How do the Guide Sonics differ from the Silver Sonic Convertibles?

- The upper fabric is the same 4-layer laminate used on the lower leg of the Silver Sonic Convertibles.
- The lower fabric is a special new high-density nylon that gives the waders their superior puncture and abrasion resistance while keeping the weight down.
- 1) The Guide Sonics feature zippered, kangaroo-style fleece-lined handwarmer pockets. In warmer weather, the pocket can be used for gear storage.
- 2) Flip out interior pocket and 3) removable waterproof pocket
- Suspenders feature a padded, Y-style rear support yoke for weight distribution and comfort.
- 4) Suspenders have a solid rear attachment point that includes a D-ring for hanging your net.
- 5) The gravel guards are reinforced on the inseam to prevent abrasion and excess wear.
- The booties are 3.5 mm on all sides (on the Convertible Sonics they are 3.5mm on the bottom and 3.0 mm on the sides).

