

PFAS Factsheet

How and where is PFAS used?

PFAS are commonly used as coatings or in membranes to make our apparel products waterproof, stain resistant and breathable. A 2019 [European Commission report](#) found that within the consumer apparel category, 20% of indoor and outdoor products and 10% of sportswear and footwear products in Europe are coated in PFAS.

Understanding PFAS use in apparel

Oftentimes you can spot PFAS when you see the labels for Durable Water Repellency (DWR), "Water-Resistant" or "Stain-Resistant."

PFAS don't add an essential use to products, and safer alternatives are available. You can have confidence that a PFAS-free rain jacket can keep you dry on a rainy day.

Brands leading the way towards being PFAS-free

Levi's is leading the apparel industry and have already eliminated PFAS as well as Victoria Secret. Ralph Lauren and Gap Inc. (including Old Navy), has committed to phase out all PFAS from their apparel by the end of 2022. Polartec® is a manufacturer that is already producing PFAS-free functional and waterproof products.

Are there any PFAS-free certifications?

[Made Safe](#) and [Greenscreen](#) are textile certifications that ensure that no PFAS were used in the product's manufacturing. Green Science Policy Institute has developed a list of PFAS-free products [here](#).