



FOOTWEAR USE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

SAY GOODBYE TO COLD. SAY HELLO TO COMFORT.

45North is built on real-world needs and knowledge. Our collection delivers unrivaled comfort and control through advanced technical design and effective use of materials. We have more people who ride more miles in colder weather than anywhere on the planet. The 45North footwear on your feet is the result of riding thousands of miles and countless hours in brutal winter conditions. Enjoy.

⚠ WARNING: CYCLING CAN BE DANGEROUS. BICYCLE PRODUCTS SHOULD BE INSTALLED AND SERVICED BY A PROFESSIONAL MECHANIC. NEVER MODIFY YOUR BICYCLE OR ACCESSORIES. READ AND FOLLOW ALL PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE MANUFACTURER'S WEBSITE. INSPECT YOUR BICYCLE BEFORE EVERY RIDE. ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET.

GENERAL SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Riding bicycles in the winter is a lot of fun. You get to ride in different places, in different ways, with different gear than most other seasons. Our mission at 45North is to enhance the comfort and control our customers experience while riding in cold weather. While we produce gear that improves control on ice and snow, there are inherent risks one assumes while riding in such conditions. Like other cycling disciplines, winter cyclists have different skill levels and experience. It is your responsibility to ride in ways that do not jeopardize your safety. We help you gain comfort and control with technical solutions for hands, feet and traction. You help yourself by using your common sense! With that said, here are some basic winter cycling guidelines to consider:

- Use blinking lights and reflective materials on your bicycle and body
- Dress in layers using clothing made of wool, synthetic fibers and windproof materials
- Carry spare gloves, socks and a light insulating jacket with real or synthetic down-fill

Riding studded tires on ice or snow does not provide the same amount of traction as a normal tire on pavement – use caution whenever you ride on ice or snow!

COMPATIBILITY

45North footwear is designed for use with SPD-compatible cleats except for Wölvhammer Flat Pedal Boot.

INTENDED USE

45North's Wölvhammer cycling shoes are comfortable for use in temperatures ranging from 0–25°F

45 North's Fasterkatt cycling shoes are comfortable for use in temperatures ranging from 25–45°F (-3–7°C).

Additional product and safety information can be found on www.45NORTH.com

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR 45NORTH FOOTWEAR

Everything about being a winter cyclist requires a little more of you. Your boots are no different.

Cleat Installation

Clipless pedal cleats should be installed with grease and checked periodically throughout the winter riding season for tightness. Please refer to pedal cleat manufacturer's instructions for additional information on care and installation. We also recommend you occasionally apply fresh grease to your cleat bolts to help prevent corrosion of the cleat and cleat bolts.

NOTE: Rusted cleats are not considered a 45North footwear warranty issue!

Proper Boot Use & Fitting

1. To ensure reliable performance from your footwear's zipper, do not try closing the zipper before your foot is completely inside of the inner shoe. Close the zipper while your leg is at a 90° angle to the ground. Do not close the zipper while your leg or foot is extended beyond a 90° angle.
2. Do not force a zipper slider that does not open or close smoothly. Apply Paraffin or ZIPPYCOOL® to the front and back side of the zipper teeth, and move the slider up and down several times to work the lubricant in.
NOTE: Excessive force applied to zippers is not covered by warranty.
3. Do not force a zipper in an overstuffed shoe as this may cause the zipper teeth to come undone from the shoe itself and be irreparable. Try the shoes on initially with the combination of socks and liners you prefer to ride in to ensure you are getting the right size.
4. Do not force a slider that has fabric or thread caught in it. Gently pull the slider back and remove the trapped fabric or thread.
5. Remove your footwear only after completely opening the zipper.
6. The zipper should be closed with the slider all the way to the top before cleaning to prevent clogging the teeth of the zipper.

FOR ADDITIONAL PRODUCT AND SAFETY INFORMATION GO TO WWW.45NORTH.COM/SAFETY.

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Footwear Care & Maintenance

1. Your 45North boots should not be force-dried with direct heat (hair dryer, machine dryer, heat gun). Depending on the level of moisture in your boots, removing the insole and stuffing the boot with newspaper can aid in faster drying without harming the leather.
2. Leather can be cleaned with a soft brush and a mild detergent. Do not soak or submerge your boots.
3. Stitching in the boot may wear from contact with the bike and general wear and tear. Thread wear can be suppressed by covering the worn area with a silicone-based adhesive. A local shoe repair service should be able to re-stitch the worn area.
4. Should the rubber sole become delaminated, the loose areas including the sole and the shoe itself should be thoroughly cleaned with rubbing alcohol. Re-attach the two parts then with a silicone based adhesive. Sole delamination is covered by the limited warranty, however, cleaning and re-gluing the boots yourself will lead to less time without your footwear.

45NORTH LIMITED WARRANTY

45North guarantees its products against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the original date of purchase, subject to the limitations below. The proof of purchase date is the one that is specified on the retail sales receipt issued by the authorized 45North dealer. This warranty does not cover the following:

- Damage due to improper assembly or follow-up maintenance or lack of skill, competence or experience of the user or assembler
- Products that have been modified, neglected, used in competition or for commercial purposes, misused or abused, involved in accidents or anything other than normal use
- Damage or deterioration to the surface finish, aesthetics or appearance of the product
- Normal wear and tear
- Minimal loss of studs on studded tires (it is common to lose 5–10 studs under normal use)
- Labor required to remove and/or refit and re-adjust the product within the bicycle assembly

This limited warranty is expressly limited to the repair or replacement of a defective product, at the option of 45North, and is the sole remedy of the warranty. This limited warranty applies only to the original purchaser of the 45North product and is not transferable. This warranty applies only to 45North products purchased through an authorized dealer or distributor. In no event shall 45North be liable for any loss, inconvenience or damage, whether direct, incidental, consequential, or otherwise resulting from breach of any express or implied warranty or condition, of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or otherwise with respect to 45North products except as set forth herein. This warranty gives the consumer specific legal rights, and those rights and other rights may vary from place to place. This warranty does not affect your statutory rights.

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