

**FIX-A-ZIP**



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Thank you for purchasing the SULLIVANS  
"Fix-A-Zipper" kit.

With the Fix-A-Zipper kit it is now  
possible to prolong the life of your favorite  
garments and other zippered goods.

This guide will serve to instruct and  
inform you on all aspects of proper zipper  
maintenance and repair.

It is complete with easy to read drawings  
of zippers and their components.

# The First Thing To Do is To Decide If The Zipper Is In Fact Repairable

- A) Are there any missing or damaged teeth?
- B) Are the pin and the box components securely fastened?

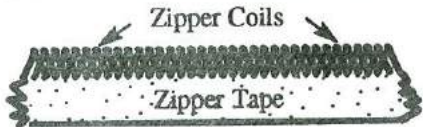
If there are no missing teeth and the pin and box are secure, the zipper can be repairable.

The most common failure with zippers is the slider wearing out. The slider is the part which squeezes the teeth together.

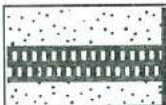
If this is the case the zipper can be easily repaired by replacing the zipper's slider.

# Identifying the Different Types and Parts of Zippers

The  
Continuous  
Coil Zipper  
(Dress)



The  
Tooth  
Zipper  
(Jacket)

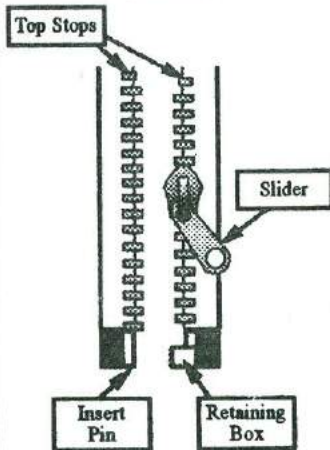


Be sure to measure  
the teeth or coils in millimeters

The Non-Separating  
Zipper  
(Pant, Trouser)



The Separating Zipper  
(Jacket)



The  
Two-Way  
Separating  
Zipper  
(Parka)



# Identifying Different Types of sliders



View  
from  
top

## The Bottom Slider

The top and bottom  
are of equal thickness



View  
from  
top

## The Reversible Slider

The top part is thicker  
than the bottom part



# Repairing a Non-Separating Zipper

Assuming there is no damage to the coil, remove the old stitching and the slider. Slip the new slider on one side of the tape and then the other, keeping both sides even. Grasp both ends of the tape behind the slider and pull the new slider onto the zipper.

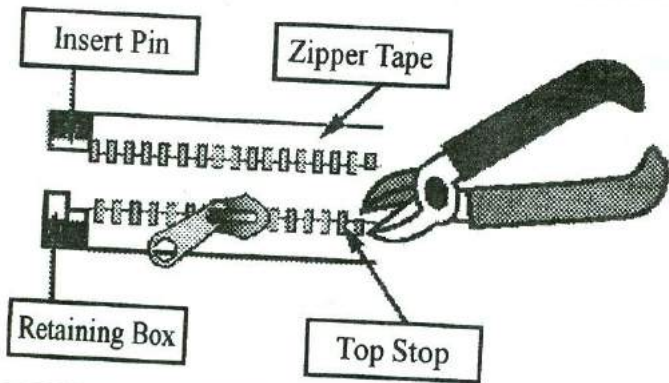
Hold tightly  
to both ends  
of tape here



If needed,  
pull off  
any excess  
coil at the  
end of the  
tape

If you have difficulty getting the slider on, you may need to remove some teeth. Use an old nail clipper for this purpose. Remove 1/4 of the teeth in that area. If necessary, sear the tape to seal any loose strings. Repeat the steps above for installing the slider, and then re sew the zipper into the seam.

# Repairing a Separating Zipper





First, open the zipper and carefully remove the top stop from the side with the slider.

Care must be taken so the zipper tape is not damaged as you remove the old slider. The best tool for this task would be either side cutters or wire cutters.

Clip the top stop on one side. Remove the top stop and then remove the slider by lifting it out over the removed top stop.

Compare and measure the old slider that was removed and match it with one of the new sliders available inside of the Fix-A-Zipper Kit. Select a matching slider.

## Taking Care of Your Zippers

Zippers should always be closed when washing. Grit should not be allowed to collect; it will wear out a slider prematurely.

If a slider does not move easily, you can lubricate the teeth with Sullivans Silicone Spray (safe for zippers and all types of sewing) or household paraffin wax,

Caution! A hot iron should never be used on a zipper directly; protect it by covering with a piece of cloth. Zippers made of plastic (polyester, nylon, delrin) will melt!

Forcing a zipper closed in any situation can damage it or the garment. Never force it. When a piece of fabric or thread gets stuck, cautiously move the slider off the thread or fabric.

In the event that a slider becomes immovable it is possible to pry the slider in half with a screwdriver.

A zipper should be fully retracted before removing clothing. If stress is placed on the zipper teeth, they could become clamaged.

To temporarily repair a non-closing zipper, grasp the backside of the slider with pliers and tighten. This will cause the teeth to come together. Caution! If over tightened, you can cause the slider to bind up, making it unuseable.

The simplest way to replace a zipper is to cut it alongside the inside of the teeth, then sew the new zipper to the remaining zipper tape. This easy method requires no reconstruction of the garment.

Old backpacks, tents, sleeping bags, purses, etc. that will not zip back together can be easily fixed. Remove the teeth from one end of the zipper to produce an opening. Remove the existing slider. Compare the slider to the sliders in the Fix-A-Zipper kit for a match. Insert the new slider, one side followed by the other, then install a bottom stop above the opening. Good as new!

Instruction Manual for

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A Universal Repair Kit  
for All Zippers

