

Frequently Asked Questions about Kenetrek Boots

**What is the difference between Kenetrek boots and others?
We make three distinctly different styles of boots.**

1.) The Kenetrek Mountain Boots are very supportive, yet lightweight boots designed for travel in rugged terrain. These Mountain Boots are standard wear for wilderness sheep hunts whether the adventure is in Alaska or Kyrgystan. It is amazing how light in weight the Kenetrek Mountain Boots are, but what will really surprise you is how incredibly comfortable they are!

2.) The Kenetrek Pac Boots are built with the finest materials available. From the quality rubber bottoms, the heavy duty oil tanned leather uppers to the quilted liners, all of the materials are the best. Even the boot laces and the thread the boots are sewn with are of superior quality. The other major difference is the fit of the Kenetrek Pac Boots. When compared to other brands of traditional pac boots, our pacs are designed with a supportive fit to allow all day walking comfort.

3.) The Kenetrek Light Hikers are based on the comfort model of our popular Kenetrek Mountain Boots, our featherweight support system utilizes reinforced K ankle straps to tie the outsoles directly to the fortified uppers.Â

Where are they manufactured?

The Kenetrek Pac Boots are currently assembled in Thailand, the Kenetrek Mountain Boots are made in Italy, and the Kenetrek Light Hikers in China.

How long will they last?

There are too many factors to define how long our boots will last for each customer but rest assured we warranty the boots to be free from defects until the outsoles of your boots are very worn. At that time, you can send the boots back in to be rebuilt at around half of the cost of a new pair. You can use our repair form by clicking [here](#).

How long do the boots take to break in?

The Kenetrek Mountain Boots can take up to 50 miles of normal walking before a comfort flex will form in the midsole. These miles can be on flat ground. You just don't want to take any brand new boot and climb straight uphill prior to the midsole breaking in. It will put too much pressure on the back of your heels and can cause blisters. The Kenetrek Pac Boots require very little break in time as the rubber

bottoms are already flexible when new. The Kenetrek Light Hikers also require very little break in time.

Are the boots waterproof?

The Pac Boots have rubber bottoms that are waterproof. Although the leather uppers are water resistant, they do need to be treated with a wax based waterproofing like the Kenetrek Boot Wax. This will increase the water resistance of the leather uppers dramatically. In extremely wet conditions a seam sealer like Freesole can be used to seal all of the seams and the junction between the leather and the rubber bottom. The Kenetrek Mountain Boots have a Wind-Tex waterproof and breathable membrane so they are waterproof. The Wind-Tex membranes are very durable, but all membranes eventually wear out. Kenetrek does warranty the waterproofness of the membranes based on wear of the boots judged by the wear of the rubber outsoles.

Do I need to treat the leather uppers?

By treating the leather of either your Pac Boots or Mountain Boots, you not only increase the water repellency of your boots, but you extend the life of the leather uppers dramatically and keep from picking up additional "water weight" in your leather uppers. Again, the only product that we recommend is the Kenetrek Boot Wax. This wax is specifically formulated with a combination of natural vegetable oils, beeswax, and other "special" ingredients. It is important that you avoid any dressing with oils as heavy oils will delaminate the glue bond on the Mountain Boots and severely corrode the rubber bottoms on the Pac Boots.

How warm are the boots?

So many factors come into play here. Things like activity, type of socks, smoking, drinking alcohol, circulation, and what you are wearing on your head. We have found that the number one reason for cold feet is a boot that fits too tight. Even though a snug fit is ideal for walking especially in rough country, you should loosen the boot laces or wear a lighter sock for maximum warmth. At Kenetrek, we really try to be honest with our ratings. If we comfort rate a boot to be warm to 0 degrees, that means we have used the boot and find the rated temperature to be on the lower end of the comfort zone with mild activity. If you would like to compare insulation ratings to most other boot manufacturers, subtract 40 degrees.

How do I know what size to order?

Kenetrek Pac Boots are available in whole sizes only and are sized to incorporate a good quality boot sock. If you wear a half size, round up to the next whole size. The Kenetrek Mountain Boots run very true to size with the Brannock device. Many customers choose to go up a half size

from their street shoe size to allow for a little extra toe room - vital for going downhill especially with a backpack in the mountains.

Are the boots available in Womens sizes?

The Pac Boots are available in unisex sizes 5-15. Women should order one to one and half sizes down from their normal shoe size. We offer the Mountain Boots in women's sizes made on a women's last with a narrow heel that is necessary to properly fit the majority of women.

What is the best height to buy?

The height of the boot comes down to personal preference. We sell both 10" and 13" heights equally well. The 10" boot is the standard boot height offering complete support. The taller boot gives more protection to your legs for horseback riding. The 13" height boots also provide higher water protection.

Will these boots fit into stirrups?

Yes, but as with any rubber bottom boot, caution must be used. Do not slide your foot all the way in to the stirrups. The extra insulated Northern boot should only be used with oversized stirrups. The Cowboy Pac is specifically designed for riding in colder weather and features a stirrup rail to slip in and out of a standard stirrup with ease.

What kind of socks are best?

We recommend a two sock system. A quality, fitted liner sock with a good quality wool blend fitted boot sock over the top. The weight (thickness) of the boot sock can be adjusted to customize the fit of your boots. ie. Narrow foot = extra heavy weight sock, wide foot = lightweight sock.

Are the pac boot liners removable?

Yes, this is a key feature of our lace up boots. Removable liners allow much easier and faster drying. Many customers actually purchase an extra set of liners and rotate them daily.

How do I break in my boots?

[Click here to read an article on how to break in a New Pair of Hiking Boots.](#)

What are some fitting tips and how do I select my mountain boots?

[Click here for information on Selection and Fitting Tips for Mountain Boots](#)

How do I protect my boots?

To condition and protect the leather in your boots, treat them with Kenetrek Boot Wax. Other brands of boot dressing can contain heavy oils or animal fats that may delaminate the glue bond of the rubber

rand. Avoid Heat from campfires or wood stoves. This will damage internal materials in your boots often beyond repair.