



Coil Zipper Slider Replacement

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INTRODUCTION

A zipper slider is responsible for joining the two sides of the zipper and ensuring the teeth secure properly. When a slider is damaged or missing, the zipper will not stay closed and the slider needs to be replaced.

This guide will demonstrate how to replace the slider on a coil zipper.

IMPORTANT! Before proceeding:

1. Ensure that the zipper separates at the top and bottom (e.g. a center front jacket zipper) and the top and bottom are not sewn together (e.g. a pocket zipper)
2. [Identify the type of zipper](#) to obtain the correct replacement part
3. Ensure that [the issue can be fixed with a slider replacement](#) and doesn't require a full zipper line replacement

Read through the entire guide before starting the repair, and gather the necessary tools and materials. While Patagonia-specific materials are ideal, they are not required. Patagonia replacement parts can be obtained by calling or messaging [Patagonia Customer Service](#).

Alternatively, Patagonia products can be taken to a [local retail store](#) for a repair evaluation or sent in to Patagonia through their [mail-in repair service](#).

Let's get fixing!

WARNING! Small Parts. Patagonia does not recommend conducting these repairs on garments intended for children age 3 or under. Instead, we recommend return of the product for professional repair services.

The 3 Stages of Patagonia Zipper Repair

1. Identify the zipper type
 - [Zipper Identification](#)
2. Diagnose the issue
 - [Coil Zipper Issue Diagnosis](#)
 - [Plastic Tooth Zipper Issue Diagnosis](#)
3. Repair the zipper
 - Coil Zipper Slider Replacement
 - [Plastic Tooth Zipper Slider Replacement](#)
 - [Advanced No-Sew Zipper Repair Techniques](#)

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TOOLS:

End Cutting Nippers (1)

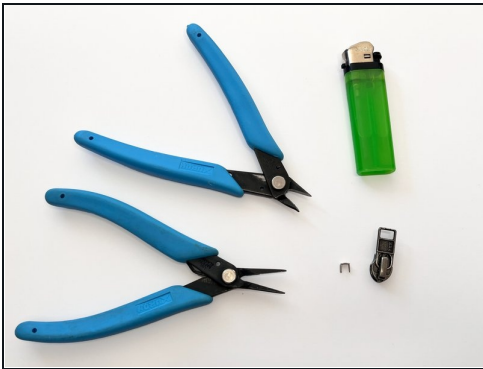
Tweezers (1)

Pliers (1)

Safety Glasses (1)

Lighter (1)

Step 1 — Gather materials



- Gather tools and the two pieces required for a coil slider replacement:
 - A replacement slider that is the right size and style
 - ⓘ Reference the [Zipper Identification guide](#) to confirm the appropriate replacement piece.
 - A coil top stop in the correct size
 - ⓘ Coil top stops look like a small metal claw with a flat back and three prongs (one on one side and two on the other).

Step 2 — Locate the top stop



- Unzip the zipper.
- Locate the top stop at the top of the zipper on the side with the slider.
 - ⓘ The top stop is a piece of plastic or metal that keeps the slider from coming off the top of the zipper.
- Peel back any fabric that is covering the top stop.

Step 3 — Remove the top stop



⚠ Wear safety glasses to protect from projectile pieces.

- Use end nippers or flush cutters to remove the top stop.
 - ⓘ To avoid cutting the zipper tape, position the nippers to cut off only the very edge of the stop, then peel away the rest of the stop from the zipper tape.

Step 4 — Singe frayed tape



- Use a lighter to singe frayed or damaged zipper tape.

Step 5 — Remove the damaged slider



- Slide the damaged zipper slider up and off the zipper tape.
- Discard the zipper slider responsibly.

Step 6 — Attach the new slider



- Making sure the new slider is oriented correctly, slide it onto the zipper tape.
- ❗ **Patagonia Repair Tech Tip:**
Maneuver the slider as if parallel parking a car. Start at an angle, back it onto the zipper tape, and then straighten out. This step can take practice, patience, and a little muscle!
- Once the slider is on the zipper, test zipping up the jacket to make sure it's the right slider type and that the issue is fixed.

Step 7 — Place the new top stop



- Place the top stop on the flat, tape side of the zipper, aligning the double-prong side of the stop to face the jacket and the single-prong side to face the zipper teeth.
- Slide the single-prong beneath the first or second tooth at the top of the zipper tape.
- Push the double-prongs through the zipper tape so they emerge on the opposite side, on the inside of the coil.

Step 8 — Attach the new top stop



- Use pliers to bend the prongs of the stop inward, clamping them around the zipper coil. The prongs will grab into the coil, securing it in place.
- Check that the new stop effectively prevents the new slider from coming off the zipper.