

BASELAYER FABRIC COMPARISON

POLYPROPYLENE

MERINO

GARMENT FIT	Tight fit	Firm fit
TEMPERATURE REGULATION	Winter	Autumn/Winter/Spring
WEIGHT	Lightweight	Lightweight
WEIGHT WHEN WET	Lightweight	Heavy
WARMTH WHEN WET	Good	Excellent
DRY TIME	Very quick	Moderate
DURABILITY	Moderate	Very long lasting
SOIL RESISTANCE	Moderate	Excellent
UV PROTECTION	Moderate	Good
ODOUR CONTROL	None	Excellent
COST	Inexpensive	Higher initially
WHEN TO WEAR IT	<p>Polypropylene is an inexpensive thermal wear option for general use. For some (those who sweat a lot) they are better than merino when involved in high levels of physical exertion in cold conditions.</p>	<p>Merino garments regulate the body's surface temperature whatever the atmospheric and exertion situations. Initial financial investment is higher however the overall performance and lifetime of the garment exceeds that of polypropylene. Merinos construction and natural stretch offer total freedom of movement and can be used as a base layer when on the trails, or as an only layer for out and about. Long term the best value for money.</p>