

HEMMING TIPS FOR PTECH TRACK PANT WITH LEG ZIPPERS (F223)

Track pants with zippers at the bottom can be shortened, but there are a few tricks to make certain your pants look great and the zippers function properly. Most professional dry cleaners / alterations should have experience in hemming pants with leg zippers. Here are a few tips to offer the seamstress handling your alterations.

Key point for hemming pants with zippers: The zipper stops at end of the zipper tape need to be replaced to keep the zipper pull from coming off.

At the end of the zipper tape (for pants, this is the bottom), there are two small metal parts called zipper stops. The zipper stops are the parts that keep the zipper pull from coming off when fully zipped. These will need to be replaced after shortening the zipper tape to desired length. **The seamstress should be able to easily remove, then use the same zipper stops to put back on the pants after hemming with a small needle nose pliers. Replacement zipper stops are pretty easy to find / purchase. Below is a link of a website that offers a variety of zipper components, including zipper stops in a variety of colours + materials:

http://zipperstop.com/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&page=shop.browse&category_id=42&Itemid=73

Here are the basic steps for hemming pants with leg zippers:

- Mark desired length adjustment on the track pant leg.
- Turn pants inside out. Use a seam ripper to remove the zipper tape stitch to the desired length adjustment from each leg of the track pant. Trim zipper tape to the desired length. **If reusing, remove the zipper stops before discarding the excess zipper tape!
- Mark the excess fabric to be trimmed, including hem allowance. Standard hem is 1", but could be reduced to ¼" or ½" if needed to accommodate for the ATC embroidery. Trim excess fabric with fabric scissors.
- Fold unfinished ends of fabric upward twice to create the hem, pinning in place through the center of the hem.
- At the zipper opening, check if the zipper tape has been trimmed to proper length to allow hem fabric to fold over for clean appearance. Replace the zipper stops at end of the zipper tape, and pin the hem in place.
- Press the hem in place. **If you are hemming pants yourself, fusible hem web tape can be useful in this step to help set the hem in place before sewing.
- For ease of sewing, unzip the zipper to allow for straight sewing of the hem. Run each leg through the sewing machine set to desired stitch. Standard stitch on track pants is ¼" double needle, but alternate stitch methods would be workable.