

# Product Review:

## Cold Weather Gear Review

Cold weather can take its toll on your outdoor enjoyment, especially when you are trying to enjoy a sport that requires you to have dexterity in your hands and fingers. Gloves don't always fit the bill when you are trying to feel the ever-so-gentle bite of a winter smallmouth. That is where bare hands and fingers make the difference. So what do you do for respite when your fingers get numb? Try a hand warmer. They have been around for a long time and come in many designs, from the old fashioned wick and lighter fluid type to the solid stick fuel burners to modern dry heat packs. Recently a new product has come to our attention.

Gerbing's Heated Clothing Inc. of Union Wash., has developed a hand warming muff that is powered by rechargeable NIMH batteries. This camo covered insulated cloth device straps to your waist so that it is always at hand. The batteries last up to five hours and are stored in a pocket on the muff. According to the company the battery will stand up to hundreds of recharges. The inside of the muff reaches a comfortable 120 degrees at 32 degrees air temperature.

We tested this product during a recent cold weather fishing trip and found that the hand warmer did every thing its manufacturer said it would do and helped to make a particularly raw day tolerable.

The hand warmer retails for \$89 and \$99 depending on your battery choice. Gerbing's full line of heated clothing products, including the hand warmer, are available from 10 distributors in Pennsylvania or directly from their Web-site, [www.gerbing.com](http://www.gerbing.com).



*Also available in camo!*

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