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## Changing robe review – December 2017









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| Full length reversible zip |    |  |    |  |                               | <p>McConks think that having a zip is essential in a change robe. We love the Palm Poncho for its ease of use, but actually, pulling a poncho over a cold, shivering, tired wet body can be surprisingly and frustratingly difficult. A reversible zip that can operated from either the inside or the outside makes the DryRobe and the Charlie McLeod Sports Cloak</p>  |
| Short sleeve               |  |   |  |   | <br>very short poncho style | <p>Short sleeve or long sleeve depends very much on preference. Some people prefer short sleeve for easier arm movements to make the changing process easier. Some prefer a longer sleeve for added snugliness. One of the criticisms we had of the DryRobe short sleeve is that the wind tends to whistle up your arms in cold weather. The Charlie McLeod has a small and simple design advantage in that it has a push fastening that allows you to make the sleeve narrower and reduce the gap!</p> |








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|             |    |   |  |   |  | <p>The Palm poncho with no sleeve makes getting changed a little easier (freedom of arms), but this is at the expense of snugliness.</p> |
| Long sleeve |   |  |   |  |   |  |
| Shape       | <p>The dry robe and the Palm Poncho are a slightly different shape at the shoulders to the Charlie McLeod. The horizontal shoulder line of the Palm Poncho and the dry robe are comfortable enough on the poncho style and the short sleeve robe. But this feels slightly odd on the long sleeve version of the robe. The Charlie McLeod had a more natural fitting that felt more comfortable without impacting on ease of getting changed. And it also meant that you don't look out of place wearing the robe as a coat!</p> |  |   |  |   |  |

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| Length (large)        | 120   | 120   | 130   | 130   | 110   | There's 20cm length difference, which seems quite a lot. But in reality the difference in length is not noticeable when changing. |
| Width (large)         | 84  | 84  | 80  | 80  | 90  | We found the Charlie McLeod had sufficient width for ease of changing.  |
| Warm external pockets |  |  |  |  |  | All of the garments had snugly, warm pockets.   |

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| Weight (kg)                | 1.3   | 1.4   | 1.3  | 1.4   | 1.0  | The poncho has quite a significant weight saving compared to the other four.   |
| Waterproof internal pocket |   |   |   |   |  | With the exception of the Pal poncho, all of the robe have the essential addition of a pocket that waterproof from both the inside and the outside.  |
| Additional internal pocket |  |  |  |  |  | Dryrobe have a large A3 size internal pocket in fleece, and Charlie McLeod has a large internal mesh pocket. After having tried both, we still haven't found a use for either, but Dryrobe claim the large pocket is good for maps, and Charlie McLeod claim the mesh pocket is great for goggles and swim hats. |

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| Easy pull fasteners |  |  |    |    |   | Great for those cold fingers.   |
| Hood tensioners     |   |   |   |   |   | The hood tensioners, drawstring and sleeve fasteners really stand out as design improvements on the Charlie McLeod compared to the DryRobe, They make the Cloak even better in the really bad weather. Getting the dryrobe hood blown off your head in inclement weather when rigging is particularly annoying, and the Charlie McLeod wins here! Also, the drawstring and sleeve fasteners stop the cloak from |
| Waist drawstring    |   |   |  |  |   |   |

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| Sleeve cuff fasteners        |  |  |   |    |  | ballooning around you in strong winds, and keep those chill winds out of the robe. |
| Additional Inner mesh pocket |   |   |  |   |   | Good for storing wet items, such as goggles  |
| Added microfibre towel       |   |   |  |  |   |  |

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| Carrybag    |  <p>Compression bag available at additional cost</p> |  <p>Compression bag available at additional cost</p> |  <p><br/>doubles as standmat to keep feet clean when changing</p> |  <p><br/>doubles as standmat to keep feet clean when changing</p> |  <p>NA</p> | <p>We love the fact that the Charlie McLeod comes with a perfectly sized free carrybag that doubles as a stand mat.</p>  |
| Price kids  | £64.99  |   | £64.95  |   | NA  |  |
| Price Small | £79.99  | £109.99   | £79.95<br>£79.95  | £119.00<br>£119.00  | £69.95 (one size fits all)  | <p>DryRobe have taken the unusual approach of charging more for larger sizes, whereas the Charlie McLeod and Palm Poncho are priced the same for all sizes</p> |



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| Price Medium | £99.99                        | £119.99                      |  |   |                    |              |
| Price Large  | £99.99                        | £129.99                      | £79.95<br>£79.95                         | £119.00<br>£119.00                      |                    |              |
| Price XL     | £119.99                       | £139.99                      |  |   |                    |              |



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| Outer colours | Black, Red, Navy, Purple, Sky Blue | Black, Red, Navy, Purple, Sky Blue | Royal Blue, Navy, Red, Purple            | Black                                   | Black              | DryRobe offer the most variety in terms of both outer and inner lining colour. Palm have gone for the utilitarian approach of just providing a single colour option, and Charlie McLeod have something in between. |
| Inner colours | Grey, Blue, Pink, Orange, Green    | Grey, Blue, Pink, Orange, Green    | Grey                                     | Grey                                    | Blue               |  |