In order to clean your Leopard One TLS brace, you will need to take it apart. This guide provides step-by-step disassembly and reassembly instructions. Before disassembling your brace, pull out your phone and take some pictures. This will help you reposition the components after washing.

**BRACE DISASSEMBLY FOR CLEANING**

**STEP 1**
Lay the Leopard flat with the inside facing down and remove the STEP assembly from the front pocket.

**STEP 2**
Disconnect the shoulder straps from the STEP plate by pressing the buckles' buttons. Remove the pad by turning the buckles inward and sliding the elastic off either end of the plate.

**STEP 3**
Remove the Velcro shoulder straps from the back of the brace by reaching into the pocket and pulling up on the end of the elastic strap.

**STEP 4**
Remove the plates from the back pocket and the side pouches by lifting the Velcro tabs.

Note: When you remove the plates from their pockets, note that the “Top Outside” text faces away from the body. If the text is not visible, mark the plate in some way so that you know the original orientation. A silver permanent marker works well for this purpose. Replacing the plastic plates incorrectly will cause the brace to fit improperly.

In the event you have forgotten to mark the plates, here are some tips:

- The front plastic plate is convex to fit a stomach shape.
- The back plastic plate is widest at the base.
- Match the contours of the plastic plates with the shape of that part of your body.
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STEP 5
Remove the side straps one side at a time. Pull the strap free from the front of the brace then do the same on the side. Repeat on the opposite side.

STEP 6
Detach the side panels from the back of the brace by opening the Gator Clips and removing the side panels.

Note: When re-attaching the side panels, be sure the 3" loop strip goes toward the body.

BRACE RE-ASSEMBLY TIPS

Assembling your brace

1. Attach the side panels on the brace using your pictures to set the alignment.
2. Using the side pouches and picture as a reference, attach the side straps.

Note: The right strap will have a loop in the front.

3. Insert the back and side polymer plates back into their pockets or pouches.

Note: Refer to the identifying markings explained in Step 4 of the disassembly Instructions.

4. Attach the shoulder straps inside the back pouch by opening the back pouch pocket and placing them in the position shown in your pictures.

Note: The strap will rest under the polymer plate and attach to the inside of the pouch pocket. (It may be easier to do this without the back polymer plate in the pocket.)

5. Lay the brace flat with the inside facing up and the straps splayed out.
6. Place the front panel between the side straps with the pocket facing up.
7. Lift the Velcro tabs inside the front pocket and slide the plastic plate of the STEP assembly into the pocket. Place the hook tabs so they hold the plate in place.
8. Reconnect the shoulder-strap buckles to those of the STEP’s top plate.