

# Stio Hylas Hooded Pullover Review

## Mountain-Inspired Sun Protection with Premium Comfort

The Stio Hylas Hooded Pullover was designed for outdoor enthusiasts who demand all-day comfort, reliable sun protection, and technical performance in a lightweight package. Developed by a company rooted in the mountain lifestyle of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, the Hylas combines modern cooling technology, moisture management, and UPF protection into a versatile garment suited for a wide range of outdoor pursuits.

While some competitors focus solely on minimizing weight, the Hylas strikes a balance between lightweight performance and premium construction. The result is a sun hoodie that feels equally at home on a mountain trail, a riverbank, a running path, or a casual walk through town.

## Weight: Lightweight with a Premium Feel

The Stio Hylas Hooded Pullover weighs approximately **250 grams (8.8 ounces)**.

Although it is not the lightest hoodie in our comparison, the Hylas delivers a more substantial feel that many users associate with durability and long-term comfort. The additional weight comes from premium fabrics and technical features designed to enhance performance during extended outdoor use.

At 250 grams, the Hylas remains comfortably lightweight for:

- Hiking
- Fishing
- Running
- Walking
- Travel
- Everyday outdoor recreation

For users who prioritize comfort and fabric quality over achieving the absolute lowest weight, the Hylas offers an appealing balance.

## Hooded Design

The Hylas features a well-contoured technical hood designed to provide full coverage of the head, neck, and ears.

The hood remains comfortable during movement and performs particularly well during:

- Mountain hiking
- Fly fishing

- Trail running
- Walking
- Backpacking

The design works effectively with sunglasses and hats while maintaining excellent peripheral vision. Unlike oversized fishing hoods, the Hylas prioritizes versatility and mobility across multiple outdoor activities.

### Long-Sleeve Coverage

The Hylas utilizes full-length sleeves engineered for maximum sun protection and unrestricted movement.

The sleeves provide excellent coverage during prolonged exposure to the elements and remain comfortable while:

- Carrying a backpack
- Using trekking poles
- Casting a fishing rod
- Running
- Walking

The athletic fit allows the garment to move naturally with the body while maintaining consistent protection throughout the day.

### UPF 50+ Protection

The Hylas is rated **UPF 50+**, providing protection from approximately 98 percent of harmful ultraviolet radiation.

This level of protection makes it particularly suitable for:

- Alpine hiking
- Desert hiking
- River fishing
- Trail running
- Walking
- Travel in sunny climates

For individuals spending extended hours outdoors, the Hylas provides dependable sun protection without sacrificing comfort or breathability.

### Moisture Wicking and Smart Temp® Cooling Technology

One of the defining features of the Hylas is its use of **Smart Temp® cooling technology**.

Unlike traditional fabrics that simply wick moisture, Smart Temp® technology is designed to respond to increases in body temperature. As heat and perspiration rise, the fabric works to enhance cooling and improve overall comfort.

The lightweight polyester blend effectively:

- Wicks perspiration away from the skin
- Promotes rapid evaporation
- Dries quickly
- Maintains breathability
- Helps regulate body temperature

This combination makes the Hylas particularly effective during warm-weather activities and periods of sustained exertion.

## Seam Construction

The Stio Hylas Hooded Pullover utilizes **flatlock seam construction** throughout the garment.

Flatlock seams are highly desirable in technical apparel because they:

- Reduce skin irritation
- Minimize chafing
- Eliminate bulky seam ridges
- Improve comfort under backpack straps
- Enhance comfort during repetitive movement

Whether hiking steep terrain, carrying a loaded pack, casting throughout the day, or logging running miles, the flatlock seam construction contributes significantly to long-term comfort.

## Designed for Hiking, Fishing, Running, and Walking

The Hylas was designed as a versatile performance garment capable of handling a wide range of outdoor activities.

### *Hiking*

The combination of UPF 50+ protection, moisture management, and Smart Temp® cooling technology makes the Hylas particularly attractive for long days on exposed mountain trails.

### *Fishing*

The hood, long sleeves, and breathable construction provide excellent protection during extended days on rivers, lakes, and streams.

## *Running*

Although not as light as some running-specific competitors, the Hylas remains comfortable during trail running and fitness activities thanks to its cooling technology and efficient moisture management.

## *Walking and Travel*

The premium fabric feel and clean styling allow the Hylas to transition easily from outdoor adventures to everyday wear.

This versatility is one of the garment's greatest strengths.

## **Men's and Women's Availability**

The Stio Hylas Hooded Pullover is available in both **men's and women's versions** throughout the United States.

Both versions provide:

- UPF 50+ protection
- Smart Temp® cooling technology
- Moisture-wicking performance
- Long-sleeve coverage
- Technical hood design
- Flatlock seam construction

This makes the Hylas an excellent choice for couples, families, and outdoor partners seeking matching technical apparel.

## **What Makes It Different**

The defining characteristic of the Hylas is its combination of premium fabric feel and adaptive cooling technology.

While many sun hoodies prioritize either lightweight construction or comfort, the Hylas successfully balances both. The Smart Temp® technology provides meaningful cooling benefits while the fabric maintains a soft, comfortable feel against the skin.

For outdoor enthusiasts who spend long days in changing conditions, this blend of comfort and performance is a significant advantage.

## **Final Verdict**

The Stio Hylas Hooded Pullover delivers an impressive combination of sun protection, moisture management, adaptive cooling technology, and premium comfort.

Although it is heavier than some competitors, it compensates with exceptional fit, excellent fabric quality, flatlock seam construction, and Smart Temp® cooling technology. The result is a versatile garment that performs well across hiking, fishing, running, and walking applications.

For outdoor enthusiasts who value comfort as much as technical performance, the Hylas stands among the best all-around sun hoodies available today.

## Feather & Arrow Collective Rating

**Weight:** 8/10

**Sun Protection:** 10/10

**Breathability:** 9/10

**Comfort:** 10/10

**Technology:** 9.5/10

**Overall:** 9.4/10

## Award

### **Best Premium Mountain Sun Hoodie**

With UPF 50+ protection, Smart Temp® cooling technology, flatlock seam construction, and a premium mountain-inspired design, the Stio Hylas Hooded Pullover is an outstanding choice for hikers, anglers, runners, and walkers seeking comfort and performance in a single garment.