

## Comments from Salt Water New England

- I've recently ordered one shirt from Mercer & Sons and another from Brooks Brothers and was so impressed with the Mercer shirt, I've ordered replacements for all my existing OCDBs from other other companies. The BB shirt is so light and flimsy it hardly counts as oxford cloth to me. I have treated BB broadcloth shirts I wear for work but I'm going to toss them out, too, and replace them with Mercer shirts.
- The quality and service is just better.
- If I hadn't found them, I would have tried O'Connell's or J. Press but I'm very happy with what they offer.
- I had been wearing BB for close to 30 years and increasingly disappointed over time. I recently discovered Mercer & Sons and they now have me as a loyal customer for life. David is first class and so is their product...from Toronto
- I have to agree with everything Paul has said above. Having been a loyal BB customer since college, I have seen the slow steady decline in quality and value. There was a time where, BB was the only place I shopped. My wife would kid me by saying if BB went out of business I would walk around naked. I am currently wearing a pink OCBD that I purchased in college. After many years and way too many washings it still looks great. But I can not say the same thing about the newer BB OCBD shirts hanging in my closet. They have not held up as well. In fact over Christmas I went through and did a closet purge of shirts that needed to go. The vast majority were BB that I had purchased in the past several years.
- I visited a BB store recently to look for replacements. I was shocked by not only the lack of quality, but the significant increase in price. I contacted Mercer and was very impressed by their samples and reviews. It looks like I will be moving my business to them.
- I tried the treated shirts from LL Bean, mainly for emergencies when I needed a dress shirt and hadn't made it to the cleaner's. I found they wore on the creases quickly, were uncomfortable in warm weather and stained very easily after having been laundered 5 to 10 times. I only wear Mercer shirts now.
- As with many others, I wore nothing but Brooks Brothers OCBDs, starting in college in the early 1960s. As BB became a mass merchandiser and quality declined, I tried the usual suspects - J. Press, Polo, etc. and then discovered Mercer, which I believe is the new "gold standard." I am wearing a Mercer blue university stripe OCBD that arrived yesterday. And as someone else noted, dealing with Serena and David Mercer is a pleasure.
- After years of addiction to traditional oxford cloth, I have discovered and switched to Mercer's pinpoint and end-on-end fabrics. Much more comfortable. Highly recommended.
- What a nice package to receive. I'll be using the Mercer & Sons first time buyer special. Thanks to the gentleman who posted above, I had an informative poke round J.C. Cordings site.
- Mercer shirts are the top shelf shirt in quality and durability. Anyone lucky enough to wear them on a daily basis will look and feel professional even on a relaxed Saturday afternoon outing.
- I love the plaid fabrics and swatches. I've never taken the plunge but I feel tempted.
- Love their tattersall shirts...
- Long live Mercer and Sons. Best shirts on the market. GLH