

HOW TO CHOOSE CLIMBING SKINS



STEP 1

Understand the differences between and the advantages of **GRIP**, **GLIDE**, and **WEIGHT** as they pertain to backcountry ascent

STEP 2

Prioritize and balance **GRIP**, **GLIDE**, and **WEIGHT** characteristics to match your ascent style and terrain

STEP 3

Using the chart below, select the ideal skin model that meets your needs for **GRIP**, **GLIDE**, and **WEIGHT**

GRIP

What: Grip is how well your skins grab the snow surface while climbing. More grip is typically achieved with stronger, more densely packed fibers in the skin's weave.

Who: Users who prioritize grip include those in high traffic areas with worn-in and/or icy skin tracks, those who prefer to cut steeper skin tracks, and new users not as experienced in the nuances of skinning technique.



GLIDE

What: Glide is the skin's ability to slide over snow. More glide is achieved with smoother or fewer fibers or by using low-friction materials. Better glide results in greater efficiency, less fatigue, and bigger days.

Who: Users who prioritize glide include more experienced tourers with strong uphill technique and those on long, rolling terrain with fewer steep climbs, looking for increased efficiency.



WEIGHT

What: Weight refers to how light or heavy a skin is on your skis or in your pack. Weight can be trimmed by using lighter or less material. Users can also cut weight by trimming appropriately for their skis and style. Lower weight is a key component to efficient touring, less fatigue, and faster ascents.

Who: Users who prioritize weight include weight-conscious ski tourers and ski mountaineers.





2015/2016 CLIMBING SKINS

ALPINIST



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What: The most versatile, go-anywhere climbing skin for all conditions

Who: Versatile enough for everyone with optimal glide, traction, glue, and attachments

SHORT: 153 - 169 cm
MEDIUM: 168 - 184 cm
LONG: 183 - 199 cm

85 mm	222 g / 7.8 oz	2731
100 mm	250 g / 8.8 oz	2732
115 mm	279 g / 9.8 oz	2733
130 mm	308 g / 10.9 oz	2734
145 mm	336 g / 11.9 oz	2735



ALPINIST LT

What: A lighter, sleeker, more packable version of our flagship Alpinist model

Who: Ideal for weight conscious ski touring

SHORT: 153 - 169 cm
MEDIUM: 168 - 184 cm
LONG: 183 - 199 cm

100 mm	234 g / 8.3 oz	2717
115 mm	261 g / 9.2 oz	2718
130 mm	288 g / 10.2 oz	2719



ALPINIST HIGH TRACTION

What: Superior traction for steep climbs or tricky, hard pack surfaces

Who: Perfect for slackcountry mercenaries, skiers seeking out aggressive ascents, and new users

SHORT: 153 - 169 cm
MEDIUM: 168 - 184 cm
LONG: 183 - 199 cm

100 mm	273 g / 9.6 oz	2736
115 mm	304 g / 10.7 oz	2737
130 mm	336 g / 11.9 oz	2738
145 mm	368 g / 13.0 oz	2739



ALPINIST HIGH TRACTION ELLE

What: The same exceptional High Traction skins with a touch of color flair

Who: Made for new users who want extra grip and tourers on close range climbs and descents

SHORT: 153 - 169 cm
MEDIUM: 168 - 184 cm

100 mm	250 g / 8.8 oz	2744
115 mm	279 g / 9.8 oz	2745
130 mm	308 g / 10.9 oz	2746



ALPINIST MOMIX

What: 70% mohair / 30% nylon blend for optimal glide, durability and grip in cold temperatures leading to a very packable version of our flagship climbing skins

Who: Ideal for non-coastal skiers looking for extra glide

SHORT: 153 - 169 cm
MEDIUM: 168 - 184 cm
LONG: 183 - 199 cm

100 mm	246 g / 8.7 oz	2740
115 mm	274 g / 9.7 oz	2741
130 mm	302 g / 10.7 oz	2742
145 mm	330 g / 11.6 oz	2743



G3 TRIM TOOL 2288

This patented, industry-leading design with built-in metal edge offset is the fastest and most accurate way to get a custom skin fit to your ski or board.

Included with all new product

EXPEDITION



EXPEDITION 2407

What: Time-tested, durable, and proven as an affordable model with a classic tip loop and tail hook connection system with length adjustment up to 10cm

Who: Perfect for new backcountry users

50 mm	193 g / 6.8 oz
70 mm	253 g / 8.9 oz
90 mm	313 g / 11.0 oz
110 mm	373 g / 13.2 oz
130 mm	434 g / 15.3 oz
150 mm	494 g / 17.4 oz

SPLITBOARD



ALPINIST SPLITBOARD 2747

What: The definitive splitboard skin with immense versatility and reliability

Who: Versatile enough for everyone with optimal glide, traction, glue, and attachments

SHORT: 147 - 163 cm
LONG: 162 - 178 cm

140 mm	318 g / 11.2 oz
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ALPINIST SPLITBOARD HIGH TRACTION 2748

What: Superior traction for steep climbs or tricky, hard pack surfaces

Who: A popular choice among splitboarders headed for steeper climbs or seeking stronger grip

SHORT: 147 - 163 cm
LONG: 162 - 178 cm

140 mm	342 g / 12.1 oz
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WHAT WIDTH DO I CHOOSE?

Skin width is selected by considering the width of your ski and your desired performance. A narrower skin will offer more **GLIDE** and less overall **WEIGHT**, while a wider skin gives the user more **GRIP**. As a starting point, G3 recommends matching skin width with the tail width of the ski as the most economical and efficient choice. A user may choose to go wider or narrower depending on their level of experience and ascent style.

*All weights are measured using untrimmed skins. Actual weight will decrease as material is trimmed for the user's skis or board.