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Description

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Tech Specs

Field Notes: "Innovation that lets you connect with nature in maximum comfort." That's the outgrowth of Mishmi Takin founder Kapil Dev Singh's water-soaked vision born in the eastern Himalayas. Active Junky testers took Garamba for a whirlwind tour of South American and U.S. backcountry destinations to see if Mr. Singh had clarity or merely hypothermic visions in the Mishmi Hills. Score one for insight as **the Garamba is, without question, the most wind-resistant shell tested in the last 36 months.** eVent 2.5-layer laminate is transformed into a bull-headed jacket (see logo for the hidden wordplay), a full-function piece that's most like a "best of" hybrid. Long-running pit zips amp up heat dispersion during maximum output, then slide easily shut (as do the other zippers) for added protection. Hood (with soft chin guard), hem and ½" hook-and-loop cuff closures seem nothing out of the ordinary. Nor do the taped and sealed, high-position handwarmer pockets accessing heavy-duty mesh pouches. Bonus points for the face and neck perforated panels that have little negative impact on overcoming adverse weather.

Pros: 20,000/20,000 waterproof breathability handle desperate outside weather along with internal perspiration, good value for the right usage scenario

Cons: Standard shoulder design misses an opportunity for freer movement, service and warranty support untested, hood too small for most helmets

Tester Comments: "Trim and athletic with room for slightly larger torsos or a moderate midlayer, Garamba's brim added enough protection to fight back in blowing rain. Still unable to determine the cause of the wind performance, but I'll take it any day – or at night in gale force winds."

Key Attribute: Protection

Best For: Windy (what a surprise), wet and warm conditions show Garamba at its best, with climbing applications limited by hood volume that limits helmet use

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Key Features:

- Waterproof, Direct venting eVent fabric for quickest sweat transport
- 2.5 layer fabric for light weight protection
- Laser cut vents in front and back for enhanced air exchange
- Pit zips for additional venting and moisture control
- Adjustable hood

Weight: 12 ounces

Sizes: Small - XL

Material: eVent waterproof material

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