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Mishmi Takin Virunga Hard Shell Jacket Review

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Samples for review from **Mishmi Takin** are always a treat – this company is unique in its approach, design, and the final product always stands out in its class. The

Virunga Hard Shell is another great looking jacket, but the performance is what sets it apart from the many others.

Mishmi Takin was formed to design high performance products for climatic conditions like those found in the hot and humid tropics of Kapil's native Himalayas or the West African forests (he has many stories of his experiences in Liberia).

Their initial product focus is on designing high performance boots and hard and soft shells, optimized for the rigors of wet environments, which is something we face a lot of here in the Midwest, both during hot summers and cold winters.



Named after the equator straddling Virunga National Park in Congo, Central Africa, the 'Virunga' jacket is optimized for maximum breathability for comfort whether you are exploring that Congo rain forest or skiing here in the Midwest.

100% Waterproof is a claim many hard shells make, and lots of them deliver. I've never worn anything like the Virunga, though. Two weekends in a row I stood on the

sidelines as my son played flag football. Both times the rain was an actual deluge. Neither time did ANY moisture get inside this hard shell. That's maximum performance.

The 3 layer eVent DVStorm fabric kept me comfortable during those rainstorms and also hiking in our forest preserves. Protection while bushwhacking was offered by the durable 3 layer fabric, with additional abrasion resistant panels on the hip area.

Laser cut vents in front and back help enhance air flow, while pit zips allowed me to dump air and sweat when working harder.



An adjustable hood means this jacket is helmet compatible (this would be a **great jacket for ice climbing**), with more customization options due to the velcro cuff adjuster and hem cinch cord.

At 15.1 ounces (Men's 2XL) and decent packability, the Virunga has become my go-to jacket if I want to layer or absolutely need to stay dry.

This jacket was made in Vietnam.

**This jacket was provided for editorial purposes – all opinions are my own.*

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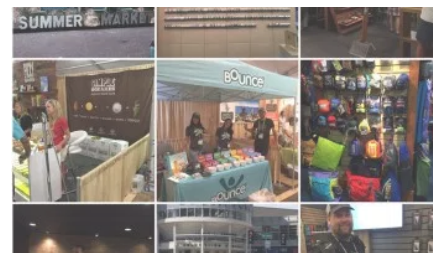
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