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A Line Sick Day 104 \$750 - lineskis.com

Line revamped their Sick Days this year, adding tip-to-tail carbon stringers for increased stability with no weight penalty. At least one tester took notice: "This is a fun and easy ski with excellent stability." Line uses a softer tip for float, while a stiff tail maintains power and high-speed control. "They can propel an unsuspecting skier into the backseat," one tester observed. Commented another, "These offer the same stability of the previous Sick Day but in a more playful package."

Bottom Line: "Subtle blend of tip and tail rocker blesses this ski with a surfiness in soft snow." —Shaggy Bailey

Majesty Supernova \$800 - majestyskisamerica.com

The Supernova comes equipped with a flat tail, but a little tip rise helps plow through the chowder and chop. Carbon-fiber fabric overlays a poplar and ash core for increased stability while maintaining a snappy quality. And if big lines are your destination, the Supernova may suit. "With spaceman graphics and the damp, soft flex, you have the ability to reach lightspeed in the crud and powder," one tester said, adding, "This ski has you flying all over the mountain screaming, 'To infinity and beyond!"

Bottom Line: Point 'em and hold on.

Prior Joffre XTC \$815 - priorsnow.com

The Joffre offers a versatile experience with tip and tail rocker and camber underfoot—a design intended to provide quick edge-to-edge movement while still performing in the fresh. Prior's backcountry-specific XTC carbon build, with a vertically laminated maple core, is designed to provide the Joffre some weight savings for a faster up and a stable ride down. One positive assessment: "A nimbly wimbly turner—easily initiated through any turn size or shape."

Bottom Line: A playful tool for Eastern trees or tight couloirs when straight-lining isn't an option.

Sego UP Tour \$979 - segoskis.com

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The UP Tour—the lone women's-specific ski in Sego's bc line—aims to save weight while maintaining chargeability on the descent by combining two layers of carbon fiber with a fiberglass-reinforced, polyurethane foam core. Gradual early rise helps with breaking trail, and a swallowtail is intended for smooth pow slaying. Testers were pleasantly surprised, one noting the "surprising degree of stability and adeptness across variable snow." Said another, "They are incredibly light, and I was able to drive them better than other lightweight skis." Bottom Line: Charge on these like the unicorns they are.

Sego Wave BC \$1,079 - segoskis.com

Dubbed Sego's men's bc ski, the Wave BC has gradual tip rise and a swallowtail built to glide on the down. The rocker pleased the playful set, as one tester commented, "With dramatic tip taper and obvious rocker, these surfboards rise to the surface." Substantial camber underfoot appeased the traditionalists in the crowd, and another summarized, "They had a really good feel and stood up to every challenge I presented them with: trees, crud, speed, turn shape, the whole shebang."

Bottom Line: If you want to hang 10, hop on board.

G G3 ROAMr 100

\$629 - genuineguidegear.com

The ROAMr is an all-purpose ski that prefers wild snow above resort riding. G3 maintains it's a 50/50 resort/bc player, but our testers considered it best beyond boundaries, lauding its friendly nature in short and medium turns and soft-snow responsiveness thanks to low-profile camber, a mid-sized shovel and a slightly upturned tail. "Checks all the boxes for an ideal, backcountry all-arounder," one tester said. Another called it "a solid all-around performer wrapped up in one hell of a lightweight package."

Bottom Line: An obvious choice for a one-and-done touring quiver.

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Rossignol Seek 7

\$600 - rossignol.com

New to Rossignol's trusty 7 Series, the Seek is a touring option for high-alpine days. "A light and snappy turner," said one tester, who went on to mention its tree-skiing and East-Coast practicality. The combination of an aerated tip and paulownia core makes weight a distant notion, while carbon alloy keeps things steady. Per one, "The rockered tips deflect crud while the bases maintain stability." Steer away from powder turns, though, as one noted the Seek 7 "floats like a lead canoe in soft snow."

Bottom Line: A new addition to a tried-and-true lineup for harvesting corn in new zones.

(3) Atomic Backland 85 W

\$725 - atomic.com

Atomic offers women's-specific versions of their Backland 78 and 85, and our female testers were split on the mild-mannered 85. "The narrow waist was still stable in crud and on hardpack. and these were easy to turn," one East Coast tester raved. Another noted that turns required more "'oomph' to get them on edge." The 85 W employs the same construction as the men's Backlands—a poplar and karuba core and full-length carbon insert for stability—but is offered in shorter lengths. "Acceptably damp, absorbing vibrations along the way," one tester wrote. Bottom Line: A light touring option without the pizzazz.

Voilé Objective \$695 - voile.com

The name says it all: this ski is designed for goal-oriented tracks. be they focused on springtime lines or long-distance traverses. A paulownia core laminated with two carbon layers keeps the weight off—cap construction helps, too—while modest tip rocker and a hint of tail rise give float if conditions get weird. "For how small it is, the Objective planed exceptionally well in soft snow," one tester said. Another found it a little underpowered on hardpack and in variable snow but thanked the sidecut and camber for "predictable turns in creamy conditions."

Bottom Line: Best for tours when weight's a serious factor.

Majesty Fox CLT \$800 - majestyskisamerica.com

A full carbon layup and a paulownia core make the Fox CLT a competitive uphill tool. With an eye toward weight savings, Majesty has designed a ski with the trappings of a race ski that has the tip and tail geometry of something a bit more freeride oriented. This combo had one tester remarking on the "super edge hold in firm, with lots of snap." Despite Majesty's attempt to market it as an all-around touring ski, another tester thought it a more likely candidate for the skimo set.

Bottom Line: A speed demon that walks the line between touring and skimo.

Testers

Alec Sandberg, Alex Paul, Becca Cooper, Betsy Manero, Bill Reid, Bob Egeland, Caitlin Mitchell, Carter Snow, Cat Ambrose, Colin Coulson, Craig Dostie, Damian Riddle, Dana Allen, Darrin MacLeod, Darren Padgett, Gavin Cooper, Henry Yu, Holly Howard, Jaime Krakowiak, Jason Layh, Jeremy Bailey, John Lange, Kevin McCarthy, Kris Thomas, Lindsey MacLeod, Megan Schultz, Miles Kochalka, Mindy Mulliken, Eric Tiffany, Patrick Gilroy, Sarah Yu, Silas Wild, Stephanie Campbell, Steve Cohen, Steve Woerz and Wylie Picotte. Special thanks to the insanely helpful tech crew-Craig Dostie, Darren Padgett, Bob Egeland and Alec Sandberg; our tireless and nourishing cook team—Muffy Howard, Steve Shanks, Jane Mann, Ethan Mann, George Rogers and Steve Cohen; the number-crunching IT department—Duane Howard and Robin Earle; and Matt Kiedaisch for capturing it all.

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