2011 Editors' Choice Selections - Skis

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Which skis are top-notch for winter 2011? Backcountry unveils a few of the best in this week's Editors' Choice Sneak Peek. But to get the full scoop about these winning products and dozens of other hot skis, boots and bindings, you'll have to wait for the September Backcountry Magazine Gear Guide. Subscribe now to guarantee your copy!

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4FRNT CRJ

Price: $750

Sizes:[CM] 164, 172, 180, 188

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 126-115-124

Weight/Pair: 9lbs 13oz (180cm)

4frnt.com

"Playful yet serious; I couldn't believe the amount of stability and power in all conditions."—Mindy Mulliken, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

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DPS Wailer 112RP Pure

Price: $1,399

Sizes:[CM] 168, 178, 190

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 141-112-128

Weight/Pair: 7lbs (168cm)

dpsskis.com

"It's impressive how this ski crushes all manner of snow conditions, and remains this light."—Lance Riek, Bozeman, Montana

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Voile Charger

Price: $595

Sizes:[CM] 171, 181, 191

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 137-112-126

Weight/Pair: 8lbs 2oz (181cm)

voile-usa.com

"Big, fast turns or dancing in the trees, this ski performs flawlessly."—Pat Gilroy, Victor, Idaho

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Black Diamond Zealot

Price: $700

Sizes:[CM] 182, 192

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 136-110-126

Weight/Pair: 9lbs 11oz (182cm)

bdel.com

"Incredibly stable throughout the turn thanks to the perfect amount of rocker and tail."—Jason Layh, Tahoe City, California

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K2 Sidestash

Price: $950

Sizes:[CM] 167, 174, 181, 188

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 139-108-127

Weight/Pair: 9lbs 2oz (174cm)

k2skis.com

"A great all-around ski that can float in pow', blast through crud and carve like no other."—Jay Prentiss, Crested Butte, Colorado

ALL MOUNTAIN SKIS

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K2 COOMBAck

Price: $825

Sizes:[CM] 167, 174, 181, 188

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 135-102-121

Weight/Pair: 7lbs 15oz (174cm)

k2skis.com

"Unconditionally reliable, this ski gave back and was quick to respond in variable conditions."—Simon Peterson, Johnson, Vermont

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Faction Alias Rocker

Price: $799

Sizes:[CM] 169, 179, 188

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 132-102-122

Weight/Pair: 9lbs 4oz (179cm)

factionskis.com

"Super fun, rippin' fast and holds tight at speed."—Price Gilroy, Victor, Idaho

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Black Diamond Starlet (Women's)

Price: $700

Sizes:[CM] 156, 166, 176

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 134-100-121

Weight/Pair: 6lbs 3oz (166cm)

bdel.com

"BD nailed it with the design by integrating a rockered tip into a well-performing, all-around package."—Marla Bailey, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

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G3 Zest-T (Women's)

Price: $590

Sizes:[CM] 172, 177

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 132-100-123

Weight/Pair: 8lbs (172cm)

www.genuineguidegear.com

"Handles slop and chowder while feeling poppy and light underfoot."—Becca Friedlander, Gallatin Gateway, Montana

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Rossignol S3 Freeride

Price: $700

Sizes:[CM] 156, 168, 178, 186

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 128-98-118

Weight/Pair: 9lbs 5oz (186cm)

rossignol.com

"Predictable and capable with that smooth Rossi' flex."—Shaggy Bailey, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

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Dynafit Broad Peak

Price: $650

Sizes:[CM] 149, 158, 167, 176

Tip/Waist/Tail:[MM] 112-74-96

Weight/Pair: 4lbs 12oz (167cm)

dynafit.com

"Stable at speeds, it's the ultimate confidence builder."—Jeff Burke, Jackson, Wyoming