



## OGSO CORBET'S

ogso-mountain-essentials.com • \$877 • 3000g (179) • 139/110/125 • 171, 179, 187, 195

In a profile view, the Corbet's look strange, like a slight smile. In powder, testers discovered they make perfect sense, though they're no one-trick pony. "These skis really surprised me. They were fun and springy, but solid and damp in chatter," one tester commented about this member of Ogso's Super Rocker Carbon Ultralight line. You will have about "3 inches of edge on the ground," said one hyperbolic skier, who added that the French company's high-tech build offers stability despite the aggressive shape. Layers of aramid, basalt and carbon sandwich a paulownia core. Ogso says the ski's true power and stability come from an X-shaped carbon layer ahead of the toe piece and a vibration dampener in the swooping shovel. Don't expect hard carves, just surfy bliss.

**"A wide, light, hugely rockered, damp ski that can hold an edge on firm—that about covers it."** —Lance Riek

## FACTION LA MACHINE 3 MEGA

factionskis.com • \$899 • 3060g (178) • 132/109/124 • 172, 178, 184

Pared down from the 126-millimeter waist of Faction's La Machine (now tagged the Max), the Mega is designed to be more versatile than its girthy predecessor, with a 109-millimeter waist, nearly flat camber and a progressive, rockered tip. "Good taper and minimal sidecut for those McConkey turns," a tester who skis like a racecar driver reported. The combo of a lightweight paulownia core and full layers of carbon is meant to lighten its load, but one gram-counting tester still said, "At over 7 pounds, that's more mass than I would kick uphill." Another labeled them "a great choice for an all-around resort ski." The Mega has a 20-meter turning radius, so no matter where you take them, "they need to be driven hard for the ski to come alive," one tester said.

**"You want soft conditions and a desire to ski so fast your goggles start to fail."** —Gavin Cooper

## WNDR ALPINE INTENTION 108

wndr-alpine.com • \$799 • 3800g (182) • 137/108/128 • 164, 170, 176, 182, 188, 194

WNDR Alpine trimmed 2 millimeters off the Intention's waist this year. At first blush that could hamper its deep snow capabilities, but with a reverse camber profile (or camber with tip and tail rocker), testers said it handles the deep stuff just fine. "The soft tip floats to the top even in the deepest conditions," one noted. WNDR claims research shows its biobased algae materials offer better damping than traditional plastics. An aspen core offers pop but with a weight penalty. "The perfect combination of playful and damp. Edge engagement is quick and pops out of turns," another tester said. Testers widely agreed that they're heavy, so lightniks may not see them as touring skis.

**"A powerful 108 underfoot with a thick fiberglass construction makes this a stable beast in all conditions."** —Darrin MacLeod

## SALOMON QST 106

salomon.com • \$900 • 3960g (181) • 139/106/126 • 165, 173, 181, 189

The QST has been around since the Obama administration, but this season Salomon elected to make some upgrades, by adding damping cork, increased rocker and more taper in the tip and tail. "Stable and smooth and very well maneuvered," one tester reported, picking up on Salomon's intentions. Another added, "For its size, incredibly quick on turn initiation and edge to edge. Tips deflected well in crud without sending the driver looking for recovery." Beyond the shape and rocker profile, the QST largely remains unchanged: a poplar core, carbon and flax stringers—"C/FX" technology, in Salomon's words—and a fiberglass laminate. The result is a ski that, per one tester, "is easy to build confidence on."

**"A relatively playful ski that's fun to get on edge. Fun in open terrain and hardpack."** —Conor Sedmak