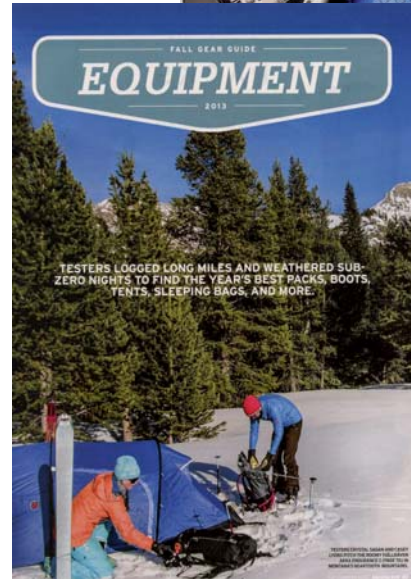




## Backpacker Fall/Winter 2013 Gear Guide

Equipment - Packs  
Featuring: Kode 32  
Circulation: 340,000  
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### GREAT VALUE OSPREY KODE 32

"This technical, full-featured pack is all about convenience," reports a tester who used it to carry his board about 3,000 vertical feet during a day of backcountry riding near Jackson, Wyoming. He praised the security of the reinforced, rubberized straps that held his board "like duct tape" and didn't rip or tear after three months of hard use. Though feature-rich, the Kode avoids the usual webbing circus with a slick system of pockets and compartments. Our tester's fave is the wet-stuff compartment that kept his soggy gloves away from camera and iPhone. Another ski-touring tester logged more than 200 miles with the Kode on trips across North America and Europe. After a week of skiing near Lillehammer, Norway, he praised the stability of the two-way ski attachment that kept his big-mountain powder boards glued in place. He preferred the A-Frame for climbing stability but used the diagonal mode when the terrain called for frequent on and off. Three sliders on the J-zip avy compartment allow single-handed access, and quick-stash sleeves organize safety gear. Testers liked the wide shoulder straps and hipbelt for loads up to 20 pounds, but the molded framesheet got sweaty on the uphill, despite shallow channels designed to increase airflow. Bonuses: Mitt-friendly zipper pulls, an insulated hydration tube sleeve, and a dedicated, scratch-free, polyester goggle pocket. **\$149; 3 lbs. 8 oz.; 30 liters; 2 sizes; ospreypacks.com**

