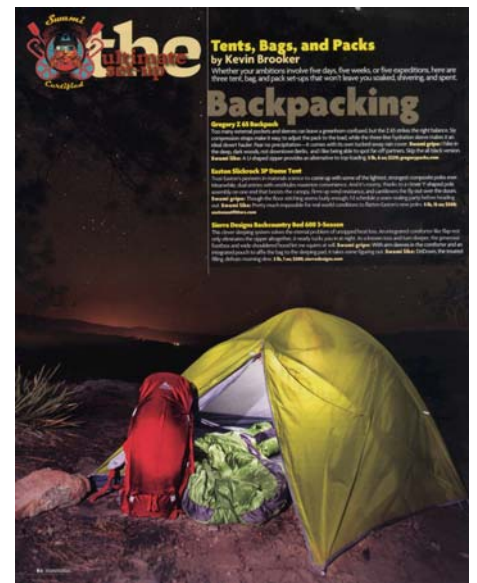
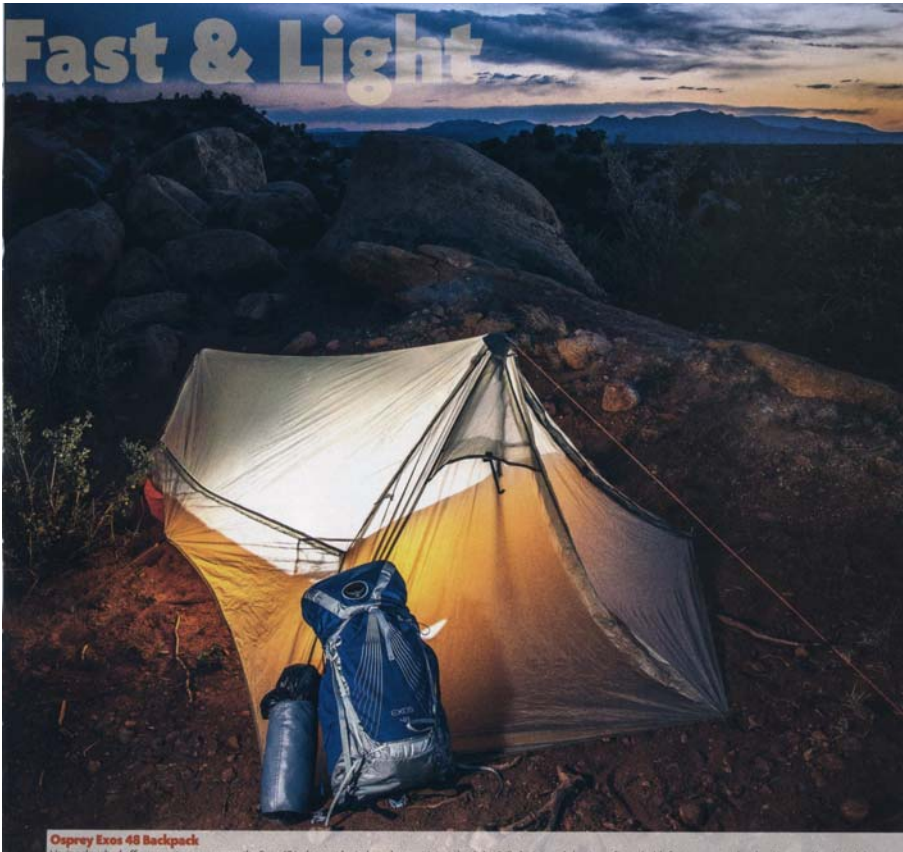




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Osprey Exos 48 Backpack

Having sloughed off every extraneous gram, the Exos 48 is the next logical purchase—it's just that light. Still, the internal aluminum frame holds fast even maxed with a 40-pound load. And the taut AirSpeed mesh suspension yields superior ventilation. **Swami gripe:** The shoelace-gauge compression straps, narrow webbing, and proprietary clasps work perfectly, but raise concerns about durability. **Swami like:** Come winter, it's the perfect choice for a hut-based ski tour.

2 lb, 8 oz; \$190; ospreypacks.com

Only an advanced case of the go-light ethic could lead to a bag rated to just 50 degrees. But the theory here is that you'd layer on outerwear to create an ad hoc sleep system. Unsurprisingly, the Thermal Sheet is a bit snug for the full figured. But any sleeping bag that occupies less space than a large burrito is a friend of mine. **Swami gripe:** It looks like a big plastic garbage bag, and not everyone is going to think that's as cool as I do. **Swami like:** Keep one in the glove compartment? **IS as:** \$200; moonball.us

