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It's time to add another must-have piece of safety gear for most backcountry travelers: an airbag. The giant inflatable balloons that deploy from backpacks have proven their worth time and again. Right now, compressed-air models—firing off of miniature scuba or nitrogen tanks—are still the norm, but the era of battery-powered blower bags, which are more user-friendly, is coming fast. Black Diamond has a solid first offering in the Jetforce series, and other companies are close behind.

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Osprey Kode ABS 42

BEST FOR: All-Day Missions

Like the OnTop, the **Kode** (\$1,150) has tons of options: it can carry skis A-frame or diagonally or a snowboard vertically. We also loved getting into the main pack via the top and back panel and all the user-friendly touches, like the built-in antiscratch pouch for your goggles. Not heading into avy-prone terrain? A removable back panel allows you to zip off the ABS-airbag system in a few seconds, saving you four pounds. 8.6 lbs.

