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Featuring: Kode 42

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Last winter, we took 10 backcountry ski packs (non-airbag) for an extended spin. The line-up included packs from Arcteryx, Black Diamond, Cilo Gear, Deuter, Exped, Gregory, Jones and Mammut, Ortovox and Osprey. Here excerpts from the reviews and a [link to the full backcountry ski pack review – pdf](#).



Osprey Kode 42; \$170; Weight: 3 lb 14 oz

The Kode 42 is the flagship pack in Osprey's ski and snow line. Osprey has a reputation for designing packs that fit and carry as well as any bags in the business, and the Kode 42 does just that. It's a hybrid top-loader that adds a zippered back panel for unfettered access to your stuff. And, at 42 liters, there's plenty of space for a full day tour and then some – like the extra six-pack and burrito fixin's that are sure to make the first night at the yurt more fun.