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**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:** Once we sorted out what was what in terms of the straps, nooks and crannies, we were fully impressed with this lightweight touring-style backpack. Technically designed as a randonee racing pack, Osprey's Kode Race 18 has your back in the backcountry, while not being too techy or expensive to be wasted on resort skiers looking for a super light and great looking pack for their ski day necessities. With very comfortable straps, our only wish would be that you could remove the ski carry components for more versatility.



**FAVORITE FEATURES:** This ski bag is as comprehensively featured as it is lightweight, two typically mutually exclusive value propositions the company managed to squeeze into a single backpack. Offered in one of the best color combos for gear we've seen all season, we also like the unique ski carry and body wrap harness that sets this pack apart. If you're not planning on any ski mountaineering or touring endeavors, we're sure you'll still be able to make use of the cramp-on and skin compartments in some other capacity, and that may even go for the tool carry as well.

**MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION:** The increasing popularity of randonee racing deserves an Osprey solution. Drawing on design from Osprey's endurance focused Rev Series, the Kode Race 18 allows uphill/downhill racers to move and transition quickly. Featuring an innovative and easy to use system, Kode Race offers diagonal ski carry and removal without removing the pack. This saves time and effort when the terrain requires boot packing. Osprey's BioStrech™ Wrap Harness provides a wide conforming shoulder harness that wraps the ribcage for a comfortable and secure fit during active and dynamic use. The adjustable and removable dual chest straps provide a variety of positions giving the ability to adjust for maximum stability and lung expansion. Front harness pockets give quick access to food and small gear. Finally, a secure pocket stores crampons or skins and provides quick and easy access without removing the pack while a single ToolLock™ allows ice tool attachment with bungee tie-off.

### KODE RACE 18 SPECS

Brand	Osprey
Name	Kode Race 18
Website	<a href="http://ospreypacks.com">ospreypacks.com</a>
Editors' Choice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MSRP	\$100
Material	30D siliconized nylon, 70 x 100D nylon

### OSPREY KODE RACE 18

