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MAYBE YOU'RE NOT SPLURGING on new skis this year, and perhaps boots aren't in the budget. Fret not. Sometimes all it takes is a shiny new helmet, a stylish jacket, or a sweet pair of goggles with the latest tech to hit the refresh button on your slope style. All the latest innovations, selected just for you this season.





MEN'S PANTS

WE ALL HAVE TO WEAR THEM, BUT THE BEST ONES MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NOT WEARING ANY. OUR TOP PICKS WILL KEEP YOUR BOTTOM HALF WARM, DRY, AND MOVING COMFORTABLY.

A. OBERMEYER *Fairweather Shell Bib*

Three-layer detachable bib with all the bells and whistles

Anyone looking for a technical three-layer shell pant with detachable bib should take a hard look at the new Fairweather Bib. These have an incredible hand feel—substantial yet supple and pliable—plus all the niceties one would expect from an Obermeyer piece: two-way zipper vents, reinforced scuff guards, adjustable waist, and an articulated fit. A solid investment. **\$359**



B. STRAFE *Summit Pant*

Fresh update to a fan-favorite insulated pant

The Summit, one of Strafe's most popular insulated pants, is packed with PrimaLoft Black Eco (with 60-percent post-consumer recycled materials) and employs a two-layer outer fabric with four-way stretch, making it easy to move in. New to the design is a bellowed above-the-knee pocket for easy stashing, more streamlined front hand pockets with upgraded zippers, and an available army-green colorway that debuts a textured ripstop for added durability. **\$349**



C. MOUNTAIN HARDWEAR *The Viv Gore-Tex Pro Bib*

Made for active days in the mountains where you need protection and breathability

What should you expect from a Gore-Tex bib designed with input from Chamonix-based mountaineer and legendary freeskiier Vivian Bruchez? One bomber pair of ski pants made from Gore's Most Breathable fabric, with tried-and-true features including thigh-length vents, drop-seat design, two zippered chest pockets in the bib plus two deep thigh pockets, rear waist adjustment, and articulated knees. **\$600**



D. COLUMBIA *Peak Pursuit Pant*

Reliable shell pant with solid technology for a reasonable price

Newsflash: You don't need to shell out major coin to stay comfortable and protected on the slopes. Columbia's workhorse Peak Pursuit pant gets the job done with kudos to spare. The pants are made with the brand's patented Omni-Tech waterproof face fabric featuring four-way stretch, articulated knees, an adjustable waist, and zippered leg vents. The whole package without the whole price tag. **\$300**

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**PICTURE ORGANIC
Aeron Jacket & Bib**

Soft, pliable, eco-friendly shell kit with a happy price tag

It's about time Picture put some money and tech behind a women's shell, and the Aeron—the French brand's first shell for the fairer sex—is a great effort. Staying true to their eco mission, this is a three-layer shell kit made from sugarcane waste repurposed into a bio-based fabric, then coated with a PFC-free waterproof treatment. The jacket boasts underarm vents, comfortable wrist gaiters, and easy-access pass pocket, while the bib is Lycra-sided with easily adjustable straps that help make for a flattering fit.

JACKET \$400, BIB \$300

**OUTDOOR RESEARCH
Carbide Jacket & Bib**

Versatile and stylish shell kit

Three cheers for cool collaborations. Outdoor Research teamed up with Calif.-based Arcade Belts to add a little flair to its new shell kit for this season. The Carbide Jacket and Bib is OR's top of the line set-up designed for active days in-bounds as well as backcountry touring. Made with Pertex Shield, the Carbide is pliable and easy to move in, with features including powder skirt, pit and thigh venting, and clip-in avy beacon pocket. The Arcade bling in the bib comes in the form of quick-release stretch suspenders that also offer a welcome pop of color. *Also available in women's*

JACKET \$299, BIB \$299



GLOVES

WEATHERPROOF HAND PROTECTION
DESIGNED TO OUTLAST YOUR
STAMINA ON THE SLOPES.



A. BLACK DIAMOND *Spark Finger*

Fans of BD's Spark gloves now have a warmer option available without having to go full mitten and sacrifice dexterity. Made from durable goat leather and 60 grams of PrimaLoft Gold—the best synthetic insulation around—the Spark Finger keeps hands toasty and dry at the same time thanks to Black Diamond's 100-percent waterproof BD.dry insert. \$80



B. DAKINE *Women's Excursion Gore-Tex Short*

Dakine dials up the heat with this new Gore-Tex glove for women. The toasty Excursion features PrimaLoft Gold insulation, a wool blend lining, and Gore Active technology to increase breathability, making it ideal for hard-charging women who nevertheless have a hard time keeping their digits warm. Also available as a mitten. \$150

C. FLYLOW *Super Mitten*

Flylow is known for making no-nonsense gloves designed for the most dedicated of skiers, and the new Super Mitten continues that legacy. A durable outer shell of DWR pretreated pigskin leather and nylon canvas encases PrimaLoft insulation in Flylow's beefiest and warmest mitten yet, ideal for those who make a habit of hanging around for rope drops on pow days. Also available as a glove. \$90



D. OUTDOOR RESEARCH *Super Couloir Sensor Glove*

Need an expedition-level ski glove to keep the cold at bay? The new Super Couloir Sensor Glove is OR's warmest ski glove option and comes fully loaded with the brand's breathable VerticalX insulation and polyester fleece lining. A waterproof Gore-Tex shell, Pittards Oiltac goat leather palm, and touchscreen compatible index finger and thumb complete the package. \$160

E. SEIRUS *Magne Mitt Summit*

A leather mitten with all the extras we've come to expect from Seirus—integrated and touchscreen-compatible Heatwave glove liner, cozy fleece insulation, and a waterproof yet breathable insert—but with a twist. A new magnetic seam system on the backhand of the mitt allows you to peel away the mitten outer to use your digits, then just snap it back into place. As convenient as Velcro-close sneaks. \$160



F. SWANY *X-Cell Glove*

Swany's tried-and-true Triplex insulation meets Aerogel to create Triplex Alpha, the brand's most advanced insulation technology yet that retains 50 percent more warmth. The full-leather X-Cell Glove also features Swany's Dryfinger technology to wick moisture, and a breathable heat shield to promote blood flow even in icy temps. \$170