

I really do like all (except one) of the skis that I already have and the logical-left side of my brain urges to keep them as long as possible, but the impulsive-right side whispers variety is the spice of life ...what a man to do but to listen to his carnal desire?



All skis are in good conditions to almost new. They all have plenty years of life left in them. From left to right:

2005 Fischer Worldcup GS; 178cm, R21

Fischer Free-flex Race Bindings, din 17, \$275

The Fischer is the real deal race stock FIS-compliant GS ski ...or it used to be until FIS changed the rules in 2007 requiring men's GS skis to have sidecut-R greater than 27m. Regardless of Fischer's FIS status, it is very stable ski capable of handling top speed. I've not reached the upper speed limit of this race-stock as I usually chicken out well before it reaches its limit. I am thinking this set up is ideal for (small men or women) PACRAT-racer looking to improve their time or any speedster seeking that adrenalin-ride. I haven't skied Fischer at all this season and I can't decide whether to curse or thank La-Nina. I hope someone can put this GS race-stock skis to better use than I can.

2006 Blizzard Worldcup SL Magnesium; ~R12 @ 155cm

Marker Race Comp 1800 bindings, din 18, \$375

This Blizzard is also the FIS Race-stock Slalom skis. Wowey, this ski has a ton of energy and makes all shapes and sizes of turns that you can dish out. It is absolutely a blast on hardpack - you just need to be right on top of it and drive it forward. Warning - it has a small sweet spot and you will be tossed quickly if you get in the backseat! This Blizzard saw snow a total of 10 days in past two seasons.

2004 Kneissl Tanker, 124-93-116, R20 @ 170cm

Atomic CR614 Bindings, din 14, \$275

This freeride (semi-) twintip skis have perfect combination of burl (as in Volkl Explosiv) and nimbleness due to its shapely figure. Wood-core and titanium layers sandwiched in sidewall construction gives bomb proof stability anywhere. If you don't keep multiple skis for different conditions, Tanker is a perfect one-ski quiver in PNW for powder, crud, chops, and it even rails the groomer like fat GS skis.

(99/00 ?) Rossignol Axiom; 130-110-120 @ 163 cm

Marker bindings, din 12, \$100

Axiom maybe old school but it rocks in anything soft and thrives in 10" or more of fresh powder. I prefer Axiom over much newer 2007 Volkl Sumo (for sale below) in powder. I just have too many fat skis and I'm selling Axiom, not because I need money, but it needs to see the slope time that it deserves! If you don't have a fat ski in your quiver, and if you struggle in deep powder, this Axiom maybe your ticket to getting over that powder-hump. While 163 cm sounds too short to be a powder ski, it is comparable to today's 170 – 175cm long twintip fatties. Axiom should be ideal for a small/light guy or gal looking to improve their powder skiing. They have been just sitting in my garage and collecting dust for past 5-years or so (taken out twice only) and I do have a reservation about the Marker bindings. I wouldn't hesitate to take the Axiom out for a spin but that's just me. I recommend others to check the bindings, as you should with any old setup, for proper release by shop-technician.

2006 Stockli Snake, 115-80-112, R20 @ 170cm

Look PX Bindings, din 12, \$300

All mountain twintip (hand-made) manufactured in Switzerland ...fyi -Stockli's are renowned for their level of craftsmanship and finish. The Snake's ranges are phenomenal – lively and quick on groomers and totally stable off-piste. Tips and tails support riveted aluminum guards for protection and top-skin has killer snake-skin like graphic that changes color with different angle of view. If you don't keep multiple skis the Snake is another good choice to have in PNW.

2007 Volkl Sumo, 150-125-130, R20 @ 175cm

Mojo 15 Free-Ride Bindings, din 15, \$400

I purchased this brand spanking new Sumo in March 2008 and took it to Whistler in hopes of surfing the deep powder as has been forecasted on their website. I rode Sumo for exactly 2 hours in 4-inches of fresh over packed-pow at Blackcomb glacier and that was all the time I needed to realize that this ski was not for me. In retrospect, I should have purchased the

190 cm. With its flared up tip and tail, the 175cm Sumo skied and felt much shorter than any powder skis I've been on - it felt even shorter than 163cm Rossi-Axiom. I like to noodle (legs together) in powder and the Sumo just felt too fat and weird. Bottom line - it has to go! Ps, if you are ever in the market for fat skis, I highly recommend that you go with longer (than your normal) skis, especially if they are full-twintip.

2008 Blizzard Big Akira, 130-105-120, R27 @ 178cm

Blizzard IQ 5.14 Binding Sys., din 14

The Akira&IQ is one sick setup, they are my current favorite, and I plan to keep them ...unless you want them more than I do and show me the **\$650**. I heard Blizzard will not offer Akira next season but its replacement "The Answer" will have the exact same dimensions (as Akira) with a tad stiffer under foot for extra stability. Did you know that top executives and key engineers at Volkl left to join the Blizzard in 2007? Do you suppose Volkl skis now being manufactured in China suffers in quality and are inferior to skis made in and by the Austrians skiers? I predict Blizzard will make BIG splashes in US market in coming years with awesome skis to boot. They already make great skis ...they just don't advertise in US market ...yet!

(2001/02?) Volant Chubb, 188cm

Salomon S914 bindings, din 14, \$150

With ever-increasing waistline of today's skis, this Volant Chubb with 90ish-waist would no longer be considered fat-skis but more like mid-fats. Some of the indie-sticks with over 150 waistline makes even (125 waist) Sumo looks skinny! I believe this Volant is either the second or third generation with moderate all-mountain sidecut and while it was sold as powder ski, it carves the groomer confidently. This Volant is the one manufactured by Volant when Volant used to be a US company, not the later goofed-versions by Atomic. I did demoed Atomic's version of (Machete FB) Chubb in 175cm and I remember it was slow and uncooperative when compared to this older Chubb. I know good many folks still hanging onto their older Volants and I think I know the reason ...they still kick a\$\$.

I recommend this Volant in 188cm to any men around 5'10" and at least 180 lbs. I see too many people skiing on skis that are too short. I have no problem driving this Chubb in 188 and I'm only 5'7" and weighs 155 lbs after big dinner. I've heard many sales pitches about how today's skis need not be long due to modern technology like space-frame, liquid-metal, and what-not, but last I checked the skis are made still using primarily wood, composite, and metal. Short skis have their place in quiver, but if you are a large dude and still insist on short skis for everyday ride, when was the last time you went into tight trees? If you mostly cruise the groomers and venture into wide-open bowls like Heather when condition is right, longer skis will work better than short ones most of the time.

If your boot sole length is close to 300 mm, you maybe able to demo this Volant and compare it to those newer/shorter/expensive skis that you have or are looking to buy ...or just buy these from me already for \$150 - the price of three/two? tank full of gas ...ouch! Ps, I've heard Atomic will start offering Volants next year as very expensive boutique skis. This Volant is in very good shape and I know the S914 bindings alone are worth the selling

price. Here is your chance to save some serious money ...before you spend an order of magnitude on re-bagged Volant that isn't probably any better than what I have here!

2002 Nordica W105, 125-105-115, 170cm

Nordica Bindings, din 14, \$350

For your charging pleasure ...point 'em and W105 (R~40) will not wander. The W105 is stiff and straight! Another favorite powder board of mine! The W105 is super-rare and has cult-like following among hard chargers ...which I'm not.

If you are interested in any of the skis listed above, let me know and I will forward detail information including more pics.

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