



## SKIER PERFORMANCE GROUPS

### THE RIGHT SKI OR BOOT FOR YOUR ABILITY

Choosing the right ski and the right boot from our huge range couldn't be easier - as all our skis and boots display a Performance Indicator. It helps you to immediately identify the level at which it was intended to be skied. Its simple to use - just find your own performance level from the groups below, then search out a boot or ski that suits you, if your level is circled on the Performance Indicator then it's appropriate for you. To make sure we got this system dead right, we used the recommendations from the manufacturers and information from our staff who tried and tested the products at our ski test in St. Anton in Austria.

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This example of our performance indicator shows equipment suitable for skiers at level 3-6. If your skiing is within those levels then you could choose this equipment. However it's worth remembering that the more you ski the more you'll improve, so don't just purchase for your current skill level but for your future progression. Please note: Your physical makeup (weight, height, aggressiveness), and frequency of skiing may alter your choice.



#### LEVEL ①

You've skied at least a week, you've learned to turn, stop and ride the lifts.

#### LEVEL ②

You have at least 3 weeks under your belt. You can ski a slight wedge to basic parallel turns on green and blue runs. You still seek instruction, but aren't scared to venture off on your own. You are mastering the "hockey stop".

#### LEVEL ③

You are reaching the "intermediate plateau", you happily ski all blue and some red runs; but narrow pistes, especially icy one's, cause some difficulty. You have almost mastered speed control and stopping distances. Tough red runs are skied with caution, with style and control at a premium.

#### LEVEL ④

You've broken through the "Plateau" and are now experiencing new feelings and sensations. You have the confidence to make smooth linked turns on most red runs. You have begun to appreciate the speed and excitement of skiing - it's a blast. Bumps are still a mystery.

#### LEVEL ⑤

You are not intimidated by red runs and can link parallel turns comfortably. You are perfecting your short radius turns on steeper terrain. On black runs you start your turns with a stem, and you are conscious not to rotate your upper body. You are happy making short turns down narrow "Piste Basher" tracks. Slopeside powder presents no fears. You may be considering a freeride ski.

#### LEVEL ⑥

You can ski black runs in good conditions. You have mastered short turns and easy bumps, fresh lightweight powder is tackled without a second thought. You get frustrated when you can't find rhythm or control on steeper terrain or icier bumps. The techniques for crud and deep snow is still a mystery, but you are not going to let them beat you. You are aware when your skis need tuning.

#### LEVEL ⑦

80% of skiable terrain is well within your grasp but steep terrain, big bumps and difficult snow still challenge your skills. You consider professional instruction may be necessary to make further advances. You may own an avalanche transceiver and you look forward to skiing 'off piste' with a guide. High speeds still induce fear.

#### LEVEL ⑧

You can handle most bumps, difficult snow like crud and windpack sometimes gets the better of you. You know how to make carved turns, long or short, and ski "short swing" rebound turns like your instructor. You choose Freeride, Expert or Race skis and demand stability at speed. You may have thought about taking your first steps in training to become a ski instructor. You'd like to polish your technique in the gates, bumps, ice, heavy powder or crud.

#### LEVEL ⑨

You are an expert skier, comfortable skiing all conditions. You can ski a variety of lines through difficult bumps via the "zip-line"; over the tops and through the troughs. You know that without an intensive training program you will not ski at your best. You could be a level 10 but your fitness or work commitments restrict you.

#### LEVEL ⑩

You are a sponsored skier or hold either a FIS or ISIA license.