

Winterhighlights 2012/13

Approved for decades – now, even better! The new winter tools set standards in weight and safety

Take a quick look at the original Mountain Safety Research newsletters of 1969 and the early 1970's, and you'll find MSR's original forays into winter tools: tubular pickets, the legendary Thunderbird ice axe, and even an ice screw with the now ubiquitous "coffee grinder" handle. Winter tools are in MSR's DNA, and engineering safer, more reliable climbing gear is the very reason MSR was founded. Coming full circle, with a renewed focus on opportunities to combine contemporary MSR technology and engineering with our rich heritage of making mountains a safer place to be.

Snow Tools:



MSR® Snow Fluke



MSR brings back the classic Snow Fluke, now updated with patent-worthy improvements including a strong, ultralight 7000-series aluminum frame combined with rugged, nylon-supported urethane decking for maximum holding power at a minimal weight.

Made in USA



MSR® Snow Picket



Long the standard of snow protection on expeditions around the globe, MSR revisited the venerable snow picket to boost durability and aid in ease of placement. The result is a more reliable and faster way to get protection when it counts.

Made in USA

About Cascade Designs, Inc.

For forty years, Seattle-based Cascade Designs, Inc. has led the outdoor industry in designing innovative, useful and long-lasting equipment, manufacturing the majority of products in their Seattle, U.S.A. and Cork, Ireland facilities. From the original self-inflating Therm-a-Rest® camping mattress to the first multi-fuel stove, Cascade Designs has developed products that explorers, travelers, adventurers, outdoor enthusiasts and weekend campers can rely on to deliver optimum performance in the outdoors through exceptional engineering and quality.

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MSR® SureLock™ All-Season Poles:

Combining performance-elevating innovation with legendary MSR reliability, the SureLock all-season poles bring stability and assurance to every season. MSR has reinvented the concept of a positive locking mechanism with a patented adjustment system, then added the unmatched ease of on-the-fly adjustment with the one-hand-operated Trigger Release sleeve.



MSR® SureLock™ UL-3



MSR's new SureLock UL-3 poles are fine tuned for those seeking to shed weight, not performance. The all-season, positive-locking poles feature three-section compactness and zero-slip push-button locking adjustment for intuitive, fast and secure performance.

Snowshoes:



MSR® Lightning™ Ascent



MSR's super-aggressive Lightning Ascent snowshoes get even burlier with new Torsion2™ crampons. Split teeth better distribute forces on rugged terrain, and their independent flexibility boosts traction by maintaining continuous contact with the snow surface, making the Lightning Ascent the pinnacle of lightweight, all-terrain performance. Made in Ireland

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Hydration and Watertreatment:



MSR® Aquatabs®



New MSR® Aquatabs® water purification tablets are fast and effective against viruses, bacteria, protozoa and Giardia cysts, providing safe drinking water in just 30 minutes. Ideal for international trips, these tabs are also great for backcountry travel, emergency use, or adding purifier effectiveness to any microfilter.
Made in Ireland



Platypus® SoftBottle

Taste-free, it fits in a drink holder, a round pocket, a flat pocket, or any hand. When empty, the lightweight, BPA-free bottle rolls up and fits in your pocket. Plus, it weighs 80% less than hard hydration bottles and is rugged enough to handle temperatures from freezing to boiling. Spring 2012 brings new colors and graphic designs.
Made in USA, Assembled in Ireland

Sleeping:

THERMA-REST Therm-a-Rest® NeoAir™ XTherm



Featuring a cutting-edge combination of technology, design and materials, the Therm-a-Rest NeoAir XTherm mattress offers a 5.7 R-Value at only 15 oz. (regular size). The patent-pending design achieves four-season warmth with multiple reflective layers and internal walls that trap warm air while providing a stable, comfortable sleeping platform. Winner of the 2011 GOLD OutDoor INDUSTRY Award.
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