

SKI WAXING an introduction

A regular coating of wax makes your skis last longer, go faster and turn more easily.

Here is an introduction to waxing your skis, especially useful for those of you who have storage wax on your skis.

You need to have the proper tools, a proper work area, and the time and energy to do the work!

Place ski on ski holding device (ski vise), with brakes disabled; either removed or banded up so they are out of your way.

With your plastic scraper, scrape off all the old storage wax or wax or if you did not put storage wax on your skis before storing them over the summer, all the old junk and dirt that is left on the ski. Scrape till clean and smooth.

Use your wire brush (steel or brass or third choice combo brush (brass/nylon), and brush the base firmly from tip to tail. Wipe off the excess wax dust with Fibertex or some sort of lint free material. Be sure to clean the bristles of the brush as well. Run the brush across the edge of the table to knock off all the excess wax.



Begin the waxing process by using a good base wax, such as an all temperature wax, to begin your base layer. Melt a bead of wax the entire length of the ski and then smooth it out by running the wax iron back and forth across the ski. It does not matter if you go tip to tail or visa versa. Make sure the wax is liquefied on the base.

Place your hand underneath the ski, which would be the actual top of the ski, to check that the surface is not too hot. It should be only warm to the touch.

Tip: to see if the wax iron is the proper temperature, wait till the wax iron is at temperature and then, with the wax iron upside down, rub a little wax on the surface. If the wax smokes, the wax iron is too hot and needs to be turned down. If the wax does not readily melt, then turn the heat up.

Take your plastic scraper and scrape the ski clean, and use the side edge to scrape the excess wax off the metal edges of the ski. Scrape the ski from tip to tail.



Brush the ski with your brass or combo brush from tip to tail.

Wipe off any residue with your Fibertex.

Brush again with your nylon brush and wipe off residue.

Repeat this twice over a two week period to prepare your ski for your daily wax.

Repeat process to the other ski. Protect your hard work by placing wax paper between the tip and tail and wait for it to snow. ◆

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