

# straight from the drawing board

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE NEW AND THE NICHE THIS ISSUE – THESE PRODUCTS AND BRANDS WILL INDUCE SERIOUS GEAR-ENVY IN OTHERS AND GEAR-GLOAT IN THE OWNER



## Perfect Hoody, Dale **£192**

So retro it's swung full circle into the glare of mega-cool, Dale of Norway continues doing what it does best – making traditional Norwegian sweaters using nature's own miracle technical fabric, wool. [www.dale.no](http://www.dale.no)

## Faction Royale skis **£472**

Have total powder performance riding either switch or normal thanks to front and rear rocker and zero camber underfoot. Glory turns all the way baby. [www.factionskis.com](http://www.factionskis.com)



## Garmont Radium boots **£420**

Revolutionising the world of boots again, Garmont's Radium is the new do it all, go anywhere offering. It's now lighter (great for touring), stiffer (ideal for carving) and with enhanced flex (perfect for freeriding). Definitely the boot to be seen in this season. [www.dboutdoor.com](http://www.dboutdoor.com)



### Perfect Moment **From £450**

Freeride high-fashion direct from the pros themselves. Boutique French brand Perfect Moment melds funk with function with its collection of blinged up yet technical gear. [www.perfectmoment.com](http://www.perfectmoment.com)



### Smitten beanies **£30**

Handmade, bespoke beanies from accessory design guru Lisa Pocklington. We particularly like the Glam, Bam, Thank you Ma'am, above right. [www.getsmitten.com](http://www.getsmitten.com)



### Swany G-Cell gloves **£325**

Is it the Bond-esque gadgetry or the fact you can take a call while shredding powder just by raising your hand to your mouth, that mean these are so hard to get hold of you have to enter a lottery to be allowed to purchase? The ultimate in geek chic. [www.swanygloves.com](http://www.swanygloves.com)



### Casco AirWolf helmet **£120**

Bringing bling to your bonce, Casco makes some of the coolest yet most advanced head protection and has created one of the smallest and lightest snowsports helmets on the market. Plus it's nicely ventilated and exceptionally safe. [www.casco-helme.de](http://www.casco-helme.de)



**Status, DC £265**

Top of the line gets no better than with these tech-heavy boots from DC, the consistently cutting-edge brand. Stacked with features, our favourites are the Arctic-friendly hot and cold thermostat and the supportive chassis for protection against those high impact big landings.

[www.dcskies.com/more](http://www.dcskies.com/more)



**Storm Rage skis £370**

Follow your instincts on these versatile park bad boys from Storm. Fly through the air, jib the schnizzle then race home down the groomers thanks to their sturdy but light construction and durable edges. Quote Natives to save 10%.

[www.stormskis.com](http://www.stormskis.com)

**Power Monkey eXplorer £65**

Tough-wearing and weather-resistant, just strap the solar slave charging panel to your backpack and the Power Monkey storage system loads itself up with enough electricity to keep your gadgets going all day.

<https://powertraveller.com>



**iPhone £345**

OK, so it's not really niche, but the iPhone remains the bomb for on-mountain tech. It's an MP3-player, a camera, a camcorder, a GPS system, and even a phone, so you can let your sponsor know you made the X Games. It's a little like Shaun White – too far ahead of the crowd to argue with.

[www.Apple.com](http://www.Apple.com)



### Faiise Ellen jacket **£310**

New this season, British brand Faiise wants snowsports fans to feel snug but look swanky in its highly technical kit with an urban twist. Throw on the Ellen and you will – with a down-filled removable inner jacket and a breathable, fully taped outer, you get performance *and* flexibility.

[www.faiise.com](http://www.faiise.com)

### Ground Extension bib pants **£250**

Ground has a simple philosophy – build the best technical clothing on the market, but do it with style. Its Extension bib pants epitomise this mission. Packed with features alpine professionals require and free of those superfluous additives they don't, put simply, they're Top Gear.

[www.groundwear.com](http://www.groundwear.com)



### Lib Tech Skate Banana **£370**

This board combines both intelligent rocker and serrated "Magne Traction" edges to lead the way on product awards and rider stoke this season. A soft-ish freestyle deck, it's at home in the park or the pow. [www.lib-tech.com](http://www.lib-tech.com)