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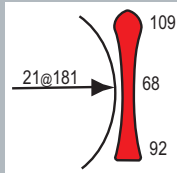
ROSSIGNOL 9X OVERSIZE

★ Editors' Choice

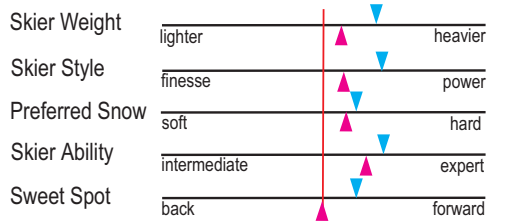
| Stats | Men/Women |
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| Lengths tested | 174, 181/167, 174 |
| Lengths available | 160, 167, 174, 181 |
| Best in | Groomed/Edge Grip |
| Suggested retail | \$1000 |

TARGET: ◆◆ Experts

Testers called this a true western all-mountain ski. Despite the rather short shorcut, the 9X impressed with stability in long or short turns. Don't expect the 9X to ski by itself, it needs a take-charge kinda skier that can put energy into the turns. Good skiers who want reliable performance mostly on groomed will enjoy this ski.



TEST RESULTS

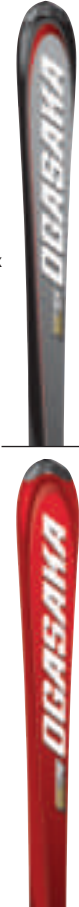
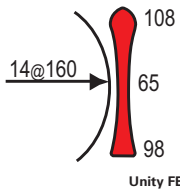
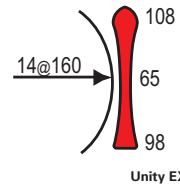


OGASAKA UNITY EX (men) UNITY FB (women)

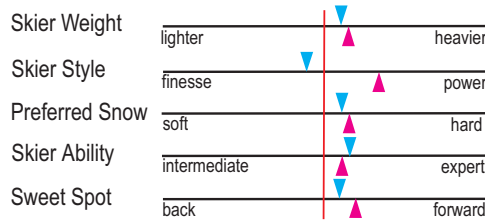
| Stats | Men/Women |
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| Lengths tested | 170/160 |
| Lengths available | 150, 155, 160, 165, 170 |
| Best in | Groomed/Groomed |
| Suggested retail | \$1260/\$995 |

TARGET: ◆◆ Experienced skiers

Women found the FB a little stiff for lighter skiers. It is a performance ski that felt best when a bit of muscle was thrown in. It's not as versatile as most others in this category. Men tested the Unity EX and recommended good skills to make these machines perform. If you like being the driver, these skis can take it all the way up to high speed.



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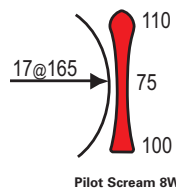
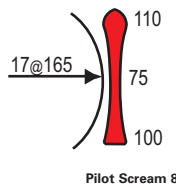


SALOMON PILOT SCREAM 8 PILOT SCREAM 8W (women)

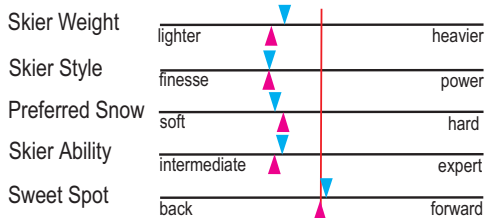
| Stats | Men/Women |
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| Lengths tested | 165, 175/155, 165 |
| Lengths available | 155, 165, 175, 185/155, 165, 175 |
| Best in | Off piste, Bumps/Off piste |
| Suggested retail | \$899 with binding |

TARGET: ■ Intermediate cruisers

This ski captured the spirit of the category very well but wasn't as versatile as some others. The Scream 8 is the right ski for intermediates that enjoy a light versatile ski. It's fun and lively at moderate speeds, especially if the snow is soft. Don't expect hard-core performance on the groomed, this ski is best enjoyed at a civilized pace.



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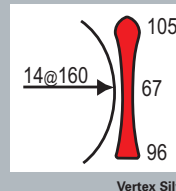
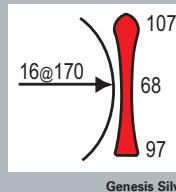


VOLANT GENESIS SILVER ★ Editors' Choice VERTEX SILVER (women) ★ Editors' Choice

| Stats | Men/Women |
|-------------------|---|
| Lengths tested | 170, 180/150, 160 |
| Lengths available | 160, 165, 170, 175, 180/150, 155, 160, 165, 170 |
| Best in | Groomed/Groomed |
| Suggested retail | \$799 |

TARGET: ■◆ Wide range of skiers

Both versions of this Genesis model impressed the testers with their smooth predictable ride. The heavier feeling of old Volants is gone but a solid sensation underfoot is still there resulting in a very confident, stable, relaxing ride in almost any conditions. They were not the most exciting skis of the day but definitely among the most versatile and competent. Performance with no surprises.



TEST RESULTS

