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Trackers Skishoes introduces its combination ski and snowshoe

Milton, PA – August 3, 2016 – Trackers Skishoes has launched its signature product, a combination cross-country ski and snowshoe that can grip the snow like a snowshoe but also glide like a ski. “Known as a skishoe, it’s essentially a fat, short ski about the size of a snowshoe with crampon-like teeth on the bottom,” says Tom Gibson, president and developer of Trackers. In normal mode, you kick-and-glide like you would with cross-country skis on normal snow surfaces and occasionally step like you would with snowshoes on treacherous terrain.

Trackers technology allows cross-country skiers to climb uphill easier and faster and ski a broader range of conditions and terrain than they can with conventional skis. You can glide downhill but at a slower, more controllable speed. Because the skishoe has a wide platform, it has flotation in deep powder snow. The concept allows snowshoers to add a gliding component to their sport, increasing their speed and adding to their fun. It also lends itself to beginners who don’t do either sport but want more speed and thrill than snowshoeing offers but not as much as skiing imposes on them. The net result is a new form of winter fun Gibson dubs the “skishoe feeling” that lets you venture blissfully off the packed trail, floating through the snow.

The key to Trackers Skishoes is the aluminum tracking fins that run lengthwise along the bottom, acting like sliding crampons. They give fore-and-aft traction for climbing on snow and ice when you step. At the same time, they slide through snow when you glide on the surface. But whether the ski is gliding, stepping, or stationary, the fins also keep the ski on its track and minimize its lateral slide. This keeps you from sliding down the hill as you try to traverse across it, giving you more control and stability.

“Modular design is the name of the game with Trackers,” Gibson says. The skier’s foot attaches to the ski in free-heel fashion by means of either a standard

cross-country ski binding or a snowshoe binding mounted to the ski. Two accessories are available for Trackers: lateral crampons and climbing skins. Each is carried in a pocket or pack, so the user can easily install them in the field when needed. With the lateral crampons attached, the ski acts like a full-fledged snowshoe to get you through difficult terrain. The climbing skins provide added grip for steep ascents.

Based in Milton, PA, Trackers Skishoes sells skishoes and accessories online through its website and through ski and outdoor shops throughout the United States. For more information, visit www.TrackerSkishoes.com.

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