

Brooks-Range Introduces Winter '08 Mountaineering Equipment

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FREMONT, CALIF. (August 2008) – Brooks-Range, a leading manufacturer of mountaineering and backcountry equipment, introduces its winter 2008 collection, including the Ultralite Solo and Guide Tarps, Ultralite Rescue Sled, and All-In-One Ultralite Rescue Sled/Tarp, as well as the Backcountry Sharktooth Shovel, Heli-Guide Ski Straps, and Brooks-Range Toolkits. Brooks-Range provides a wide selection of innovative, top-quality backcountry gear for professional mountain and ski guides, alpinists and backcountry travelers and hikers. This winter's collection is designed to better prepare adventurers of all skill levels for whatever conditions they may encounter in the alpine and backcountry environments.

"Brooks-Range innovates by focusing on quality, not quantity," said Matt Brooks, President of Brooks-Range. "When I started this company back in 1995, I found that the equipment I was using in my Certified Mountain Guide courses was cumbersome. I decided to create products better suited for backcountry adventures that would give outdoor enthusiasts the tools they really need. The new Ultralite Brooks-Range rescue sleds and tarps, as well as our backcountry toolkits and equipment, will make any adventurer better prepared."

The Brooks-Range Ultralite Rescue Sled is designed to transport a person of any size, along with his/her skis and poles. It is constructed in a vivid red high-tech ultralight-weight rip-stop nylon fabric exclusively available in Brooks-Range products. The entire sled weighs just 12 oz. and folds into a compact storage envelope measuring 6' x 11' x 1". The new Pro Stretcher Bars which accompany the sled are made using newly developed high-tech aluminum. This system has been independently tested by ski guides, Search and Rescue (SAR) professionals and adventurers and has proven to be the most dependable, sturdy platform available for emergency transport in the backcountry. MSRP: \$238.00

The Brooks-Range Ultralite Solo Tarp (5' x 8', weighs 7 oz.) and Ultralite Guide Tarp (8' x 10', weighs 10 oz.) have a nylon tie loop sewn to a reinforced center patch and 16 nylon webbing loops sewn to the corners and at intervals along the edges to facilitate a wide variety of set up configurations using trekking poles, trees or tents. Both tarps are made using high-tech rip-stop nylon fabric that has an unparalleled strength-to-weight ratio. They are compact and light enough to take on any trip, serving multiple uses such as a shelter, tent, ground-tarp, awning, wind shelter or gear storage shelter. Ultralite Solo Tarp MSRP: \$75.00; Ultralite Guide Tarp MSRP: \$145.00.

The new Brooks-Range Backcountry Sharktooth Shovel weighs only 1 lb, 12 oz. and features a heavy-duty D-grip handle. The 20" telescoping lightweight aluminum shaft provides the longest reach on the market, giving this shovel a length of up to 44" - great for extra leverage in snowpack. The 15" x 10" scoop is made of tempered aluminum and has "deadman" holes for use as an emergency anchor, as well as an optional serrated "Sharktooth" edge that makes short work of the toughest ice and hard pack. All blades include quick reference laser-engraved graphics that show companion avalanche rescue information. MSRP: \$ 40.00 (\$50.00 with Sharktooth edge)

Brooks-Range Toolkits are perfect for climbers, backpackers, backcountry skiers, snowmobilers, professional mountain guides, ski patrol, SAR personnel, or anyone who travels in backcountry areas. All are compact enough to fit in a shirt or coat pocket, include a Field Organizer™ sized for standard field books and folded topo maps and their bright yellow color make them easy to find in snow and low light conditions. The information contained in the Ski Guide Cards (SGC) prompt cards condenses critical safety information that has been developed by professional mountain guides, avalanche and backcountry professionals to help remember key points in the field.

- Professional Guide Toolkit™ - Provides all the essential winter backcountry tools in one convenient package, including: Ski Guide Cards™ (13 water-resistant avalanche/safety cards), All-in-One Map Tool Pro (a non-glare, flexible map tool with ten scales, Universal Transverse Mercator and slope indexes), All-in-One Emergency Latitude/Longitude Ruler (a 4" x 7" paper tool for providing lat/long position to air rescue teams in an emergency), a standard #311 field book, and the Field Organizer to hold it all together (a compact yellow nylon, water-resistant portfolio with pockets and a hook and loop closure). MSRP: \$75.00
- Winter Traveler Toolkit™ - Perfect for snowy environments, this toolkit includes: Ski Guide Cards (13 water-resistant avalanche/safety cards), the All-in-One Map Tool (a 4" x 7" non-glare, flexible map tool with ten scales, Universal Transverse Mercator and slope indexes), and the All-in-One Emergency Latitude/Longitude Ruler (a 4" x 7" paper tool for providing lat/long position to air rescue teams in an emergency). MSRP: \$53.00
- Backcountry Toolkit™ - An essential backcountry tool that includes: All-in-One Map Tool (a 4" x 7" non-glare, flexible map tool with ten scales, Universal Transverse Mercator and slope indexes), SOS/Helicopter Landing Zone Card, the All-in-One Emergency Latitude/Longitude Ruler (a 4" x 7" paper tool for providing lat/long position to air rescue teams in an emergency), a standard #311 field book, and the Field Organizer to hold it all together (a yellow nylon, water-resistant portfolio with red trim and hook and loop closure and holders for pens). MSRP: \$45.00

Brooks-Range also offers a variety of accessories such as ski straps, storage bags, hand warmers dog collars and leashes, and spare stretcher bars for the rescue sleds, tarps, and straps that are all compatible with Brooks-Range products.

About Brooks-Range

Brooks-Range is a mountaineering company located in Fremont, Calif., providing innovative, top-quality backcountry gear for professional mountain and ski guides, alpinists and backcountry travelers alike. Our products -- designed to deliver total delight and safety in the backcountry -- are tested by some of the world's top mountaineering, avalanche and backcountry professionals. These experts form the core of the Brooks-Range Advisory Board. All products are made in the USA and are sold at outdoor retail shops nationwide, and on the web at www.brooks-range.com

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