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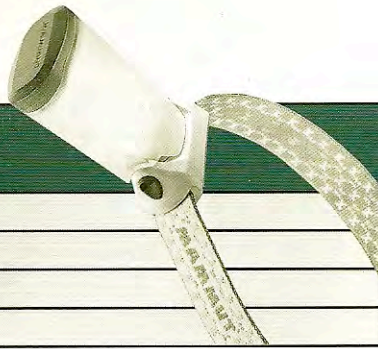
**MAMMUT
LUCIDO TXLITE /
AMBIENT LIGHT**

PRICE: \$49.95 / \$10.95

WEIGHT: 2.5oz. / 1oz.

BATTERY LIFE: 130 hours

www.mammut.ch



ULTRA LIGHTWEIGHT AND ULTRA VERSATILE: a perfect combo. The Lucido TXLite uses three AAA batteries and a HiFlux LED to send light up to 41 meters into the night for up to 130 hours, and weighs next to nothing. It's plenty powerful for dark dawn-patrols, camping, or emergency use. And when you get back to the tent, hut, or car, the Ambient Light snap-on attachment turns the TXLite (or any other TX series headlamp) into a powerful camp lantern that easily lights up a tent, small hut or truck cap.

**JETBOIL
FLASH**

PRICE: \$99.95

WEIGHT: 15oz.

www.jetboil.com



FOR LIGHT-AND-FAST SKI MOUNTAINEERS, or winter campers who just don't want to carry a lot of extra bulk or weight, the FLASH packs a punch for its size. Self-contained and ultra-efficient, with a 1-liter insulated pot (with transparent lid), wind-protected burner and built-in heat exchanger, it handles cold weather efficiently, especially for a canister fuel stove. But pack backup fuel canisters for trips longer than a day or two. For making hot drinks, light snow-melting duty, and one-pot meals, the simplicity and size of the FLASH is tough to beat.

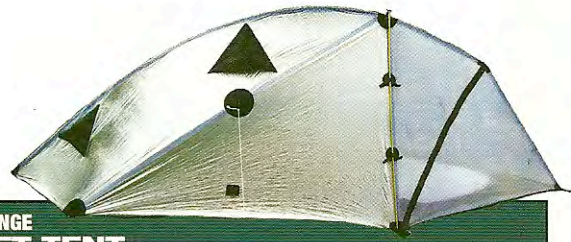
**BROOKS RANGE
ROCKET TENT**

PRICE: \$600

WEIGHT: 1lb. 6oz.

DIMENSIONS: 64" x 48"

www.brooks-range.com



THE ULTRALIGHT Rocket Tent utilizes ski poles and an avy probe (gear we always carry anyway) instead of separate tent poles, which reduces weight considerably. It's made of durable CT3 fabric, which is impermeably waterproof (but not at all breathable), with a metallic finish that regulates heat loss and gain, and it has three zippered vents. A low (38"), aerodynamic shape and sturdy guyout system make the tent solid in nasty weather, and a seven-square-foot vestibule adds some space for cooking or gear storage. Though it's very (!) small, for backcountry minimalists on a weight budget, it makes sense. Just hope you don't have to spend too many storm days inside....

**MOUNTAIN HARDWEAR
GHOST SL -40 SLEEPING BAG**

PRICE: \$680 (Regular), \$700 (Long)

WEIGHT: 4lbs. 12oz. (reg.)

STUFFED SIZE: 10" X 21"

www.mountainhardwear.com



THE 800-FILL DOWN GHOST SL is an expedition-quality bag for whatever freezing temps you might encounter—anywhere. It has a relatively roomy mummy cut with watertight, welded seams, and double draft tubes to prevent cold spots. The hood is ergonomic and less claustrophobic than some others I've used, but, like most bags, the zippers tend to get jammed on the storm flaps. If you're over six feet tall, get the "long" so you have plenty of room for drying boot liners, etc.

**NEMO
TENSHI**

PRICE: \$649

MIN. WEIGHT: 4lbs. 3oz.

FLOOR DIMENSIONS: 86" X 47"

INTERIOR HEIGHT: 42"

www.nemoequipment.com



ON OVERNIGHT TRIPS it's tough to keep the weight down. The Tenshi is a bomber two-person, single-wall tent that can be set up dang near anywhere. At just over four pounds, the Tenshi is an easy carry, and while it's definitely shoulder-to-shoulder small inside for bigger guys (86"x47"), a nice large vestibule (10 sq. feet) adds over a third more space for cooking and gear storage. The proprietary NEMO waterproof/breathable fabric, optional Condensation Curtain, and very effective vents on all four sides keep moisture under control. Negatives? You have to seal the seams yourself with a supplied sealer, and if you damage the single wall, you're hosed.

**THERM-A-REST
BASECAMP SLEEPING PAD**

PRICE: \$69.95

WEIGHT: 2lbs. 9oz. (size regular)

www.cascadedesigns.com/therm-a-rest

THE BASECAMP REPLACES THE TOUGHSKIN as Therm-a-Rest's most burly backcountry sleeping pad. At 2.5 inches thick when inflated, and boasting an R-Value of 5, it's a full inch thicker than its predecessor, but only one ounce heavier. It's got some heft compared to leaner models, and mountaineers might go lighter for alpine-style expeditions, but they'll sacrifice some warmth and comfort. Bonus: Bring along the Compact Chair (\$39.95, 6oz.), which works in congress with any 20"-wide Therm-a-Rest pad, and provides an ample off-snow seat.

