



How Often Should I Wax My Skate Skis?

How, When & Why of Skate Ski waxing for the beginning recreational skier
(Specific to Anchorage)

I just bought new skate skis

My skis are slow!

How do I care for my skate skis with limited resources?

I'm new to skate skiing

WHY wax?

Ski bases are like a sponge, they need to be saturated with wax periodically to keep the ski gliding smoothly down the trail. Imagine trying to wipe down your kitchen counter with a dry sponge, it doesn't work very well. A ski is the same way—no wax = no glide. Wax fills the pours of the ski creating a hydrophobic layer that repels dirt, water and friction. A waxed ski is a fast ski!

HOW to wax:

(with limited resources)

Liquid Wax: Simply **rub the wax on, let it dry and buff with a nylon brush or towel.** *THE wax treatment for those with limited resources at home.* This is a relatively new but excellent product that is super simple and quick to apply. It is literally wax suspended in a solvent so you can apply wax to the ski without fancy tools.

Hot waxing: Requires special equipment but is important for ski conditioning. This type of wax is melted into the ski base, saturating the pores.

The excess is scraped and brushed off the surface leaving a polished base. This type of care is the most comprehensive and provides the best long-term care for the ski. It requires special equipment, but places like AMH & REI will perform this for a fee.

WHEN to wax?

1. Liquid wax every 2-3 times you ski
2. Hot wax your skis 1-3x per winter.

TOOLS needed for waxing (recommendations specific to Anchorage)

(Choose one option)

