



## **Swix September Newsletter**

I hope everyone had productive training camps this past August and everyone is safely home from some good on-snow time. It is that time of year when Athletes are receiving new race skis or are getting an entirely new quiver if they made a brand switch. The question we often get at SWIX is, "What should we do when we get a brand new ski fleet?"

There are many approaches to preparing ski bases but I wanted to mention we have a variety of Base Prep waxes (BP99, BP88 & BP77) to choose from depending on the protocol you or your Tech prescribe to. Regardless of waxing procedure, on an entirely new ski, I always begin with BP99. I choose this for a few reasons.

First, Base Prep 99 (BP99) has the lowest melting point. Excessive heat can damage ski bases and core material. BP99 allows for wax to penetrate deep inside the structure of the ski and allows for base saturation while avoiding excessive heat. Secondly, many performance shops will place new skis in a hot box after being ground. Again, BP99 should be used in this process and make certain the hot box distributes heat evenly and does not overheat the skis. BP99 has the lowest melting point to ensure great penetration and avoid damaging the skis. This goes for both Alpine, Nordic and Snowboard.

The first action to take when you receive your skis or after they have been ground is to clean the base with Glide Wax Cleaner (I84N), Fiberlene (T0150B) and Nylon Brushes (T01610 & T01940). This will remove contaminants from the base and will provide a "clean" surface for the wax to adhere to the base material. Once the ski has been cleaned, brushed and has dried, apply BP99 with an iron. New skis will absorb far more wax as compared to a ski that has been tuned previously.

How to clean Nordic Skis: [▶ Swix How To: Base Cleaning - Nordic](#)

How to clean Alpine Skis: [▶ Swix How To: Clean Alpine Ski Bases](#)

How to use Base Prep Liquid Wax: [▶ Swix How To: Use Base Prep Liquid](#)

Base Prep 99: Soft wax with low melting point. Swix recommends this be the first wax on any new ski or freshly ground skis.

Base Prep 88: For Normal winter racing conditions, 14F-32F. Many Teams will also use this as their standard travel wax. In most cases Athletes can show up at a race venue, scrape and brush and immediately train on BP88. Hard and durable with excellent glide properties for mid winter conditions.

Base Prep 77: This is the hardest of the Base Prep line and provides the most durability for Speed and glacier training. Designed for colder and more abrasive race courses.

**PRO TIP:** All Base Prep waxes are fluoro free and can also be used when cleaning skis and boards that have previously been tuned with fluoro wax. Again, I default to BP99 due to the fact that it has a much lower melting point.

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