



## *What we learned at the West Yellowstone Ski Festival and SuperTour!*

Having 621 skiers of varying ability test Salomon product in a multitude of snow conditions teaches us a lot about how Salomon equipment meets the needs of real world skiers. Having 20 elite racers have their best ever SuperTour results on brand new Salomon skis, boots and bindings gives us confidence that Salomon's 06/07 ski, boot and binding line is fast when fitted properly.

The Salomon Event Force left the season opening West Yellowstone Ski Festival and SuperTours with these thoughts and comments.

- a) Pilot Equipe Classic "Bumper-less" binding. Every skier that tested the system expressed that they immediately had better kick, ski-feel, and control than an "old school" binding with a bumper. Make sure you dial the resistance up above 0 after mounting the binding.
- b) S Lab 3D "Black Beauty" Boots – Comfortable, controlled, and lightweight. With the increase in metatarsal width many skiers are going down a ½ size when compared to a Carbon Pro. Skiers love the heat moldable custom fit.
- c) Equipe 10 Skate Skis- The #1 consumer comment was "straightest tracking ski." Great performance in all snow conditions. All Condition fit 110% of skier weight plus 0-10 kg. Can be fit much stiffer for hard track (or sprint) conditions.
- d) Equipe 10 Classic skis – tremendous kick and glide when fit soft. Fit at 50% of skier's weight less 0-6kg.



Subaru Factory Team and Team CXC skiers put a definitive Salomon stamp on the opening SuperTour weekend. With 3 out of 4 victories and 7 of 12 podium spots going to racers who select Salomon skis, boots and bindings the Salomon system performance speaks for itself.

### West Yellowstone Super Tour Sprint 11/24/2006

#### **Men**

- 1 SLETTEN, Even University of Utah
- 2 FLORA, Lars Subaru Factory Team- Salomon Skis/Boots (Swix FC 7covering HFBD6)
- 3 MAHOOD, Colin XC Oregon-Rossignol
- 4 SWENSON, Carl Subaru Factory Team- Salomon Skis/Boots (Swix FC 7covering HFBD6)
- 5 B KUZZY, Garrott CXC Salomon Skis/Boots

#### **Women**

- 1 VALAAS, Laura CXC Salomon Skis/Boots
- 2 CAMENISCH, Karin RossignolBSF
- 3 COMPTON, Caitlin CXC Salomon Skis/Boots
- 4 STURSOVA, Martina Rossignol
- 5 STEPHEN, Liz US Ski Team
- 6 UNDERWOOD, Kate Subaru Factory Team/SVS Salomon Skis/Boots (Swix FC 7covering HFBD6)

#### **EXTRA TECH**

Lara Flora sprinted on a pair of Salomon Equipe 10 cold -104 kg skis (143%) with an Engineered Tuning grind. Carl Swenson sprinted to 4<sup>th</sup> place on his brand new warm 92kg (131%) skis with a Engineered Tuning grind. Garrott Kuzzy finished 5<sup>th</sup> on a new pair of warm 103 kg (118%) Laura Valaas won the sprint race on an Equipe 10 - warm base skis flexed at 76 kg (114%) with production grind. Caitlin Compton raced on a pair of 67 kg (113%) skis. As can be seen from these flex %'s the Equipe 10 skate ski performs great under a wide variety of flexes relative to skiers body weights. The Subaru Factory Team waxed with Swix FC 7 corked covering HF6BD. It was around 20F, new/old mixed, med track hardness.



Kate Underwood towing Caitlin Compton and Laura Valaas in the Sprint



## West Yellowstone Super Tour Classic on 11/25/2006

### Men - 15 km

1 FLORA, Lars **Subaru Factory Team** 38:06.3 **Salomon Skis/Boots** (Swix VR 45 covered by VR 40 Kick Glide - FC 1 covering HFBD6)

2 VIOLETT, Zachary XC Oregon FSX +8.9

3 KUZZY, Garrett **CXC** +26.4 **Salomon Skis/Boots**

### Women - 10 km

1 STRANDBERG, Kristina **Subaru Factory Team** 30:09.5 0 0.00 **Salomon Skis/Boots**

(Swix VR 45 covered by VR 40 Kick Glide - FC 1 covering HFBD6)

2 COMPTON, Caitlin **CXC** +28.7 **Salomon Skis/Boots**

3 GREVSGAARD, Maria University of Colorado +33.3

4 REHEMAA, Jana **Subaru Factory Team** +46.4 **Salomon Skis/Boots**

(Swix VR 45 Kick Glide - FC 1 covering HFBD6)

5 STURSOVA, Martina Rossignol +51.6

6 VALAAS, Laura **CXC** +52.8 **Salomon Skis/Boots**

7 STEPHEN, Liz US Ski Team +57.8

8 UNDERWOOD, Kate Subaru Factory Team/SVSEF +58.4 **Salomon Skis/Boots**

(Swix VR 45 Kick Glide - FC 1 covering HFBD6)



Lars Flora winning 15 Km Classic

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Lars Flora won the event on a brand new pair of Salomon Equipe 10 cold base skis flexed at 40kg (54%) with an Engineered Tuning grind. Garrett Kuzzy was 3<sup>rd</sup> on a 44 kg (50%) cold with Salomon Production grind (that he borrowed from our demo ski quiver).

Kristina Strandberg won on a 31kg (50%) classic cold with an Engineered Tuning grind. Caitlin Compton was second on a 28kg (47%) cold with Production grind. As can be seen from these ski flexes you want a Salomon Equipe 10 ski at or below 50% of skiers body weight. The Subaru Factory Team wax with and won on HF6BD w/ FC1 Turbo ironed; for kick they used V30 ironed, VR45 with a thin layer of VR40 for added glide tempos were around ~25F, new snow, med track hardness.

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