



**Do something now!**

## **Spring Cleaning, Base Refreshing, Base Saturation, Summer Storage**

- 1) Cleaning: Use wax remover and Fiber wipe to clean the kick zone and also the glide zone.
- 2) Use the finest Steel brush to clean excess dirt from base.
- 3) Apply layer of [Start Base](#) (or Service or soft non-fluoro glider like SG2) to glide zones.
- 4) While wax is still soft use scraper with low pressure to “hot wipe” wax and further dirt away.
- 5) Follow with Fiber wipe and then finest steel brush again to remove dirt while refreshing base further. Repeat steps 4 and 5 as necessary until no more dirt is seen coming from base.
- 6) If you suspect your skis have any base damage (i.e. base sealing) consider having the skis stoned to reveal a fresh base in the spring before summer storage. A fresh base is the most important feature in a ski's ability to hold wax and to glide. Ski shops in most every ski town offer great stone grinding services. Start's Racing Service Retailers ([BNS](#), [Caldwell Sport](#), [Gear West](#), [NordicUltratune](#) & [Riverbrook](#)) are also offer great stonegrinding options.
- 7) Once you have a clean and refreshed base it is time to saturate the base with a summer storage wax. In the glide zones melt in a thick layer of Start Base (or Service or soft non-fluoro glider like SG2) and let it cool. If all the wax has been absorbed into the base at any point add another layer on to. Let cool leave it on the ski all summer.
- 8) Skis should be stored in a cool, dry place, out of sunlight and not near heating elements nor near the roof where temperature can rise over 50C degrees. Skis should be stored loosely strapped with no pressure on camber so that there is no risk that heat and pressure can alter any of the ski's camber characteristics.
- 9) Better to do something than nothing. So at the very, very least crayon your softest glide onto your glide zones right now.

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