On top with Deuter and Vaude – the backpack specialists from southern Germany are relying on the ABS TwinBag system

From the winter of 2014/15, market leader ABS' tried-and-tested dual airbag system, that has already helped to prevent the burial of hundreds of people caught up in avalanches, will be integrated in four models from the backpack pioneer Deuter and two backpacks from the outdoor professional Vaude. Boosting the ranks of a list of "ABS Inside Partners" that reads like a 'Who's Who' of the industry: with Bergans, Dakine, Haglöfs, Ortovox, Salewa and The North Face already offering their own ABS backpacks this year.

The cooperation with Deuter is bringing together two old acquaintances: back in 1998, for a while Deuter produced backpacks for ABS, achieving considerable increases in functionality and comfort. ABS inventor Peter Aschauer comments: „Our first contact with Deuter dates back to 1987 and I am very pleased with the reliable exchanges ABS has enjoyed since then with Deuter, one of the leading backpack producers.” Bernd Kullmann, Managing Director SSO at Deuter, still uses one of the earlier ABS models: „My ABS is my constant companion in the mountains, my avalanche backpack has served me well on around 300 ski tours.” However, in the coming season, Kullmann plans to swap his backpack for a new Deuter OnTop ABS backpack.

With packed volumes of 28L or 30L, as well as 18L and 20L versions, the "OnTop ABS Collection" allows skiers and snowboarders to choose from four models, including two specially tailored to the female anatomy. "We view the cooperation with ABS as the perfect partnership. Bringing together two brands, each market leaders and absolute specialists in their fields. We are very proud of this cooperation,” states Managing Director Martin Riebel.

With the arrival of Vaude, ABS is also welcoming another high-caliber backpack manufacturer as a new ABS-Inside Partner. Florian Schmid – Backpack Product Manager at Vaude: „Since its foundation in 1985, ABS® has accumulated the greatest experience in avalanche airbag systems, and its system is now established all over the world (…). So the decision to enter into a partnership with ABS® was not a difficult one. The company places just as much emphasis on quality and functionality as VAUDE does, and supplies reliable "Made in Germany“ technology." At ISPO 2014, VAUDE is presenting two avalanche backpacks: the ABScond Flow and the ABScond Tour. With a volume of 22+6 liters, the ABScond Flow is designed for ski tourers whose main focus is the descent, while the ABScond Tour, a classic top-loader with 36+4 litres, is ideal for longer tours. Both models are equipped with VAUDE’s patented F.L.A.S.H. NT adjustment mechanism, promising maximum comfort.

New ABS Compatible Partner

ABS is also delighted to report some new additions to its "Compatible Partners". With Berghaus, Burton and Osprey presenting their own ABS-compatible Zip-ons for the first time at ISPO 2014. Together with existing cooperation partners, Arva, Atomic, Dakine, Dynastar, Evoc, Head, Millet, Mountain Hardwear, Quiksilver, Rossignol and Salomon, this now makes a total of 14 backpack manufacturers producing packs that can be easily zipped onto the ABS Base Units.

More information and photos of the ABS Inside and ABS Compatible Partners are available here: www.abs-airbag.com
About ABS:

The ABS Peter Aschauer GmbH is a dynamically growing and owner managed company dedicated to avalanche safety borne out of passion for winter sports. The ABS avalanche airbag is the original and market leader with sales in more than 25 countries worldwide. In the case of an avalanche it can prevent burial and therefore significantly increase the chances of survival. Innovation and commitment to highest quality standards ‘made in Germany’ are the essential factors for our long-term success.

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