

Daily Maintenance - Daily maintenance reduces the need for tuning and extends the life of the ski.

- The most important daily maintenance step is drying the ski after use; this prevents rust that will later have to be filed away. A ski is not dry until it is warm and dry. Initially dry the ski when bringing it indoors or loading it in the car. Attempt to remove all snow on both sides of the ski. Dry the ski again once it is at room temperature.
- The second most important step in ski maintenance is the use of keepers whenever skis are carried or stored. One drop or “scissoring” incident and you are back to the drawing board with base and side filing. If I find any of my racers without keepers on their skis I refuse to tune or wax again until AFTER the next race.
- Most edge damage is caused by hitting a rock or other hard substance. The edge will not only be dulled, but will be scratched deeply and possibly deformed (dented). Using a diamond file or beurring stone gently rub out the deformity being careful to stay aligned with the existing edge angle. Do not try to completely file out every nick or indentation. Your edges will disappear before you know it! Periodic tuning is sufficient.

Waxing – Skis should be waxed every 3-5 days depending upon conditions. Ski bases are porous. Melted wax fills the pores both enhancing the ski’s performance and protecting against contamination. Also, an unwaxed ski base tends to dry out and become more vulnerable to scratches and delamination.