

Osprey 036438-601-SM

Osprey Kode 38 Pack User Manual

Your comprehensive guide to the Osprey Kode 38 Pack.

INTRODUCTION

The Osprey Kode 38 is a specialized snow pack designed for backcountry professionals and ski/snowboard mountaineers. With a 38-liter capacity, it is engineered to efficiently carry avalanche safety gear, climbing and rescue equipment, climbing skins, clothing, and provisions for a full day in the mountains. Its design incorporates features for both wet and dry gear organization, along with versatile ski and snowboard carry options.

KEY FEATURES

- **Capacity:** 38-liter snow pack, ideal for day trips and light overnight excursions in snowy environments.
- **Carry Options:** Features lower ski carry loops and upper-reinforced V-carry straps for secure attachment of skis, snowboards, or snowshoes.
- **Storage:** Expandable top pocket designed for carrying a helmet and goggles.
- **Back Panel:** Equipped with a SnowShed back panel to prevent snow accumulation.
- **Hip Belt Pockets:** Dual, articulated, zippered hip belt pockets for easy, one-handed access to essentials.
- **Hydration:** Sewn-in hydration sleeve with a reservoir hanger, designed to prevent freezing of the water tube.
- **Durability:** Constructed from durable Nylon material.
- **Weight:** Weighs approximately 3 pounds 7 ounces (1.56 kg).
- **Warranty:** Backed by a lifetime warranty.

SETUP AND ADJUSTMENT

Proper adjustment of your Osprey Kode 38 pack is crucial for comfort and stability, especially during demanding activities like skiing or snowboarding. Follow these steps to ensure an optimal fit:

1. **Load the Pack:** Before adjusting, load the pack with typical gear you would carry. Place heavier items closer to your back and centered.
2. **Loosen All Straps:** Fully loosen the shoulder straps, load lifters, sternum strap, and hip belt straps.

3. **Position the Hip Belt:** Place the hip belt so the padded section sits directly over your iliac crest (the top of your hip bones). Cinch the hip belt firmly but comfortably. Approximately 60-80% of the pack's weight should rest on your hips.
4. **Tighten Shoulder Straps:** Pull the shoulder straps downwards and backwards until they are snug. They should hug your shoulders without creating gaps or digging in.
5. **Adjust Load Lifters:** These straps connect the top of the shoulder straps to the top of the pack. Pull them forward to bring the pack closer to your body and transfer weight more effectively to your hips. Adjust them to a 45-degree angle for optimal load transfer.
6. **Fasten Sternum Strap:** Buckle the sternum strap across your chest and adjust its height so it sits comfortably, typically about an inch below your collarbone. This strap helps stabilize the pack and keeps the shoulder straps from slipping.
7. **Utilize Compression Straps:** Cinch down any external compression straps to stabilize the load and prevent shifting.



Image: The Osprey Kode 38 Pack, highlighting its robust construction and multiple adjustment points for a secure fit.

OPERATING YOUR PACK

Loading and Organization

- **Main Compartments:** The pack features two main sections: a dry section and a wet section. The wet section, accessible from the front, is designed for avalanche safety tools (shovel, probe) and wet gear, with a drainage hole at the bottom. The dry section is for clothing, food, and other essentials.
- **Hydration Sleeve:** Utilize the internal hydration sleeve for your water reservoir. The insulated sleeve helps prevent your water tube from freezing in cold conditions.
- **Top Pocket:** The expandable top pocket is ideal for quick access items like a helmet, goggles, or small electronics.
- **Hip Belt Pockets:** Store frequently accessed items such as snacks, GPS, or a camera in the zippered hip belt pockets for easy retrieval without removing the pack.

Ski and Snowboard Carry

The Kode 38 offers multiple options for carrying skis or a snowboard:

- **A-Frame Ski Carry:** Attach skis to the side compression straps, with the tails resting in the lower ski loops. This method provides good balance.
- **Diagonal Ski Carry:** Secure one ski diagonally across the back of the pack using the upper V-carry strap and a lower loop.
- **Vertical Snowboard Carry:** Use the reinforced V-carry straps and lower loops to secure a snowboard vertically against the back of the pack. Ensure bindings are oriented to minimize bulk.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Proper care will extend the life of your Osprey Kode 38 pack:

- **Cleaning:** Hand wash with mild soap and cold water. Do not use bleach or harsh detergents. Rinse thoroughly and hang to air dry away from direct sunlight or heat. Do not machine wash or tumble dry.
- **Storage:** Store your pack in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight when not in use. Ensure it is completely dry before storing to prevent mildew.
- **Zippers and Buckles:** Periodically check zippers for smooth operation and clean any debris. Inspect buckles and straps for wear and tear.
- **Hydration Reservoir:** Clean your hydration reservoir and tube thoroughly after each use to prevent mold and bacteria growth.

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- **Hydration Tube Freezing:** If your hydration tube freezes in cold conditions, ensure it is insulated. Blow air back into the reservoir after each sip to clear water from the tube. Keep the tube tucked inside your jacket if possible.
- **Uncomfortable Fit:** Re-evaluate your pack's adjustment. Ensure the hip belt is bearing most of the weight, and shoulder straps are snug but not digging in. Adjust load lifters to bring the pack closer to your back. Refer to the "Setup and Adjustment" section.
- **Pack Shifting:** Cinch down all internal and external compression straps to stabilize the load. Distribute weight evenly within the pack, placing heavier items centrally and close to your back.
- **Difficulty with Ski/Snowboard Carry:** Ensure straps are properly threaded through buckles and tightened securely. For snowboards, adjust the V-carry straps to accommodate the board's width and thickness.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Osprey
Model Name	Kode 38 (Classic)
Part Number	036438-601-SM
Capacity Total	38 Liters
Material	Nylon
Color	Blue Smoke
Item Package Dimensions (L x W x H)	17.1 x 15.2 x 5.2 inches
Package Weight	2.6 Pounds (1.18 kg)
Product Weight	3 pounds 7 ounces (1.56 kg)
Suggested Users	Unisex-adult
Sport Type	Hiking, Skiing, Snowboarding
Date First Available	July 27, 2011

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Osprey Kode 38 Pack is covered by Osprey's All Mighty Guarantee, a lifetime warranty that covers defects in materials and workmanship for the lifetime of the product. If your product ever fails for any reason, Osprey will repair or replace it.

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