



08/09 owners manual Stash, Stash Rider, Stash BC, Stash BC Rider and Squall packs

Congratulations on purchasing your new Stash pack from Backcountry Access!
The following instructions will help you understand the features of this innovative product.

Hydration

All BCA packs include a hydration system, except for the Squall, which has a pass-through opening to make it hydration compatible. The Stash series includes a reservoir bladder stored in an interior pouch. The reservoir hanger (yellow cord) can be used to prevent the reservoir from settling to the bottom of the pack during use (simply squeeze the cinching mechanism to release the cord).

To set up your hydration system, first completely unzip Stash shoulder strap and open main compartment. Next, slide the hydration tube through the pass-through opening from main compartment into the shoulder strap. To close the bite valve and prevent leakage, straighten the bite valve so it is parallel to the tube. Do not use hydration systems of other brands; the system provided with your Stash has been optimized to reduce kinking and leaking. In extremely cold conditions, minimizing exposure of the hydration tube and bite valve can prevent freezing. The Stash sleeve should be zipped closed except when drinking from the system. For further protection, drain the tube between sips by compressing the bite valve until all water returns to the reservoir. If bite valve flow is limited, examine the hydration tube for any kinking inside the pack. For cleaning and maintenance, see handouts included.

Accessories

BCA offers a complete line of pack accessories including extra ski straps, ice axe straps, bite valves, reservoirs, Nalgene-compatible systems, and snowboard attachment kits.

Limited Warranty

Backcountry Access, Inc. (BCA) warrants its packs to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for one year from the date of purchase. This warranty is limited to the original purchaser. Returns must be accompanied by a return authorization number, which can be obtained by calling 303.417.1345 ext. 123 or contacting by email at warranty@backcountryaccess.com.

Warranty Registration

To ensure warranty protection, complete the BCA Online Warranty Registration at <http://www.backcountryaccess.com/warranty>.

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Stash

Shovel/probe storage

Shovel blade is stored in the shovel pocket inside main compartment, away from user's back, convex side out. Shovel shaft and probe are stored in tool sleeve in main compartment, next to user's back.

Ski attachment

Skis are mounted diagonally: place skis together (base to base) and feed them through the ski loop (B) on the bottom of the pack. Secure with the upper ski strap (A).



Stash Rider

Shovel/probe storage

Shovel blade is stored in the shovel pocket inside main compartment, away from user's back, convex side out. Shovel shaft and probe are stored in tool sleeve in main compartment, next to user's back.

Snowboard attachment

Snowboards are mounted vertically through the straps provided (C).



Squall

Shovel/probe storage

Store both the shovel and probe in the interior pockets found between the main compartment and outer shell.

Ski attachment

Skis are mounted diagonally: place skis together (base to base) and feed them through the ski loop (B) on the bottom of the pack. Secure with the upper ski strap (A).

Snowboards

Side compression straps cross-buckle across the front of the pack for easy attachment of either a snowboard or snowshoes.



Stash BC/Stash BC Rider

Shovel/probe/ice axe storage

Shovel blade is stored in an external zippered pocket on the outside of pack (D). Shaft and probe are stored in tool sleeve inside. Ice axe head can be secured in the smaller gear loops (B). To secure shaft, use BCA ice axe strap, sold as an accessory.

Ski/snowboard attachment

A-frame mounting: Slide the ski tails under the ski strap on the side of pack (E). For added stability, secure with compression strap (F).

Diagonal mounting: Place skis together and feed them through the lower gear loop (B). Secure with upper ski strap (A). If pack is full, attach a strap of your choice to the top loop in daisy chain (G).

Snowboards: The Stash BC Rider will carry a board vertically through the straps provided. The Stash BC can be retrofitted to carry snowboards by using a snowboard attachment kit (sold as an accessory).