



**WILDERNESS
EXPERIENCE**

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WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE
mountain packs



ABOUT US

Our specialty is packs. Unlike companies that make packs just to complete their line of equipment, our only concern is making the best packs possible. They are made to be used and used hard. Look them over closely and compare them with others. Check the sewing and materials. (Our shoulder straps and waistbands are stitched in six times and the regular stress seams are stitched twice!) We use only the finest materials, our sewing quality is excellent and we confidently stand behind every pack we make. Any problem in workmanship or materials we will gladly correct or replace for as long as you own the pack, and if you damage the pack we will repair it for a small fee. We're mountaineers; we enjoy making packs and we are very proud of what we make.

EXTERNAL FRAMES

It is probably true that the strength of most backpacks is more than adequate for the majority of today's backpackers. We feel that our external frame packs will be used by those who want their packs to last a lifetime of weekend trips, while also being able to take the abuse of expedition use. For this reason we feel it well worth the time and expense needed to make our frames of the highest quality, because the last thing you want to worry about is your equipment.

We use only 6061-T6 aircraft quality aluminum. This aluminum is solution heat treated then artificially aged for strength. We use it for both our 1 inch and 3/4 inch tube with a wall thickness of .049 in. This combination of alloy and tubing has long been accepted by knowledgeable mountaineers as the best obtainable material for strength and dependability. We bend all of our frames ourselves. We found this to be the only way we could maintain the level of quality we wanted at a reasonable price. All bends are done in a special way to maintain a smooth uncrimped line. Compare our bends to most other frames, the difference is clearly visible. All our frames are heliarc welded. We then radius each tube end, this is a very costly and time consuming method that assures a perfect match where the tubes are welded. It also eliminates drilling unnecessary holes which greatly reduce the strength of the frame.

As a finishing touch, all our frames are treated and anodized to a satin finish.

The S-FRAME has long been the standard style of frame for both backpackers and mountaineers, for good reason. The S-FRAME is a very efficient design for developing the proper forward concentration of pack weight while creating a comfortable distribution of weight between the shoulders, back, and with the proper waist belt, the hips.

The waist belt on our S-FRAME is specially padded and contoured to firmly hug the hips. It is securely attached to the frame with five inch webbing in such a way that it transfers the weight in a stable and comfortable manner.

Our completely adjustable full mesh back band not only forms a ventilating air space between your back and the aluminum frame, it also helps to spread some of the weight evenly on your back.

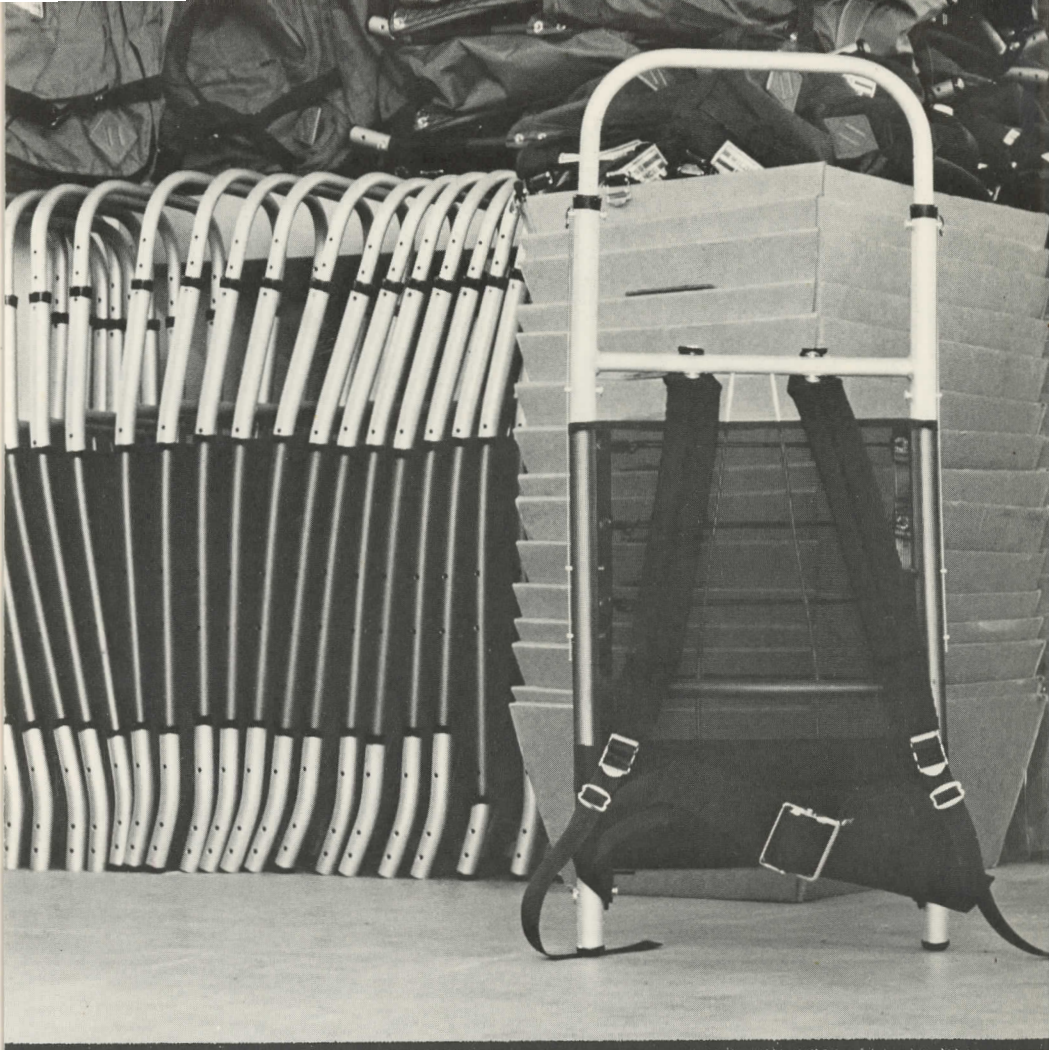


The shoulder straps are adjustable to different widths and act primarily to keep the frame vertical, as most of the weight will be carried on the hips.

All of our S-FRAME packs come with an adjustable extension bar to aid in lashing extra gear to the frame.

The WRAP-AROUND hip-carry frame is no longer a new idea. In use it has proven itself to fit some people better than the S-FRAME. The aluminum frame actually wraps around the hips to support a full circling waist belt from the center of your hips, this allows the belt to pivot independently from the frame. The pivoting action makes it an excellent pack for comfortable backpacking. The padded waist belt is made of a specially developed 1/2" thick closed cell foam that will not shrink or collapse after use. The same foam is used on the shoulder straps. Our extra large mesh back band helps to keep this WRAP-AROUND style frame more stable than others.

Though the WRAP-AROUND frame is more commonly used for backpacking,



our frame is made from the same high strength materials as our S-FRAMES and will hold up to a mountaineer's more abusive use. Available in sizes S, M, L, and XL. The frame extension adds an additional top crossbar and 6" in height to the pack frame for high and bulky loads. The extension is adjustable to three heights.

Extension Price: \$5.00

INTERNAL FRAMES

Using high quality 6061-T6 aluminum bar stock, our internal frame packs are a blend of both the balance and stability of a rucksack, and the comfort and weight carrying capability of a regular external frame pack. We use the only method that will allow an internal frame pack to carry like an external one, that is, using a completely separate padded waistband that attaches to the internal aluminum frame with clevis pins: in this way the weight is transferred to the hips like a good external frame. Our internal frame is not a rigid frame, it moves with your body as you walk

or ski. The internal frame is completely inside the pack, with no ends sticking out to catch or snag. The aluminum stays are all foam padded for extra comfort and extend five inches above the shoulder straps. Adjustable nylon webbing from the shoulder pads are attached to the top of these stays; when tightened they pull the load up off the shoulders and transfer it to the hips. All split rings are covered inside to keep them from catching and snagging down bags, jackets, etc., and the ends of the stays are covered with 2" nylon webbing to prevent pack wear. All of our clevis pins are made of steel, as steel will stand up to more abuse and last longer than the usual aluminum pins. Bending the aluminum stays will make any of the internal frame packs ride more comfortably, in addition an air space is left between your body and the pack for complete ventilation. Try bending the frame different amounts (you can do this with the pack loaded) until you find the best position. The top of the frame can then be bent the opposite direction, if necessary, to keep it away from your neck and to give more adjustment to the shoulder pad suspension straps. All INTERNAL FRAMES are available in three sizes.



TOP OPENING BAG

This is the most popular of all bag styles. The main compartment is divided in two by a horizontal floor. The top compartment is the larger of the two and should be used to carry the heavier articles. Access to the bottom section is by way of a half-moon double zippered opening. This special opening on the bottom compartment makes it a perfect place to put the things you want to get to easily and quickly. There are five outside pockets and a convenient map pocket that can be reached without removing your pack. The top two side pockets are ideal for holding one quart water bottles or extra gas for your stove. The small bottom pockets help to keep easy-to-lose items convenient and organized. The large volume back pocket, great for carrying many medium sized items, is mounted high on this pack for the best weight distribu-

tion. Large accessory patches on top aid in securing a foam pad or an extra stuff bag to the pack. A hold open bar helps to support any object strapped to the top accessory patches. This sturdy aluminum tube is attached directly to the frame to transfer weight closer to the frame where it can be carried easier. It also helps to maintain the pack's profile making it easier to pack and arrange equipment. Matching Cordura nylon sleeping bag stuff sacks are available in sizes S, M, and L. The TOP OPENING BAG is available in either 8oz. Parapack or 11.5oz. Cordura nylon.

Price: Cordura W/S-FRAME or WRAP AROUND FRAME: \$74.95
Parapack W/S-FRAME of WRAP AROUND FRAME: \$69.95
Stuff Sack: \$6.00



FRONT OPENING BAG

This pack is for those of you who tire of searching endlessly for something in your pack. The entire front opens like a suitcase. This bag is easy to pack and organize.

Compression bands on the outside can be used to tighten up the bag when a less than full load is being carried. They are also great for strapping on special items such as snowshoes or skis or even a jacket.

There are two large side pockets with ample space, even for that bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon '61 you've been saving for that special trip. The big back pocket opens with the same easy-to-get-to hatch back opening as the main bag. A hold open bar which is attached directly to the frame supports any weight strapped to the top of the pack.

The FRONT OPENING BAG is available in either 8 oz. Cordura nylon or 8 oz. Parapack. Every zipper is double stitched with 100% nylon thread for extra strength. A No. 10 YKK coil zipper is used on the back opening for assured dependability. Take notice of our special tuck seams on the inside of the bag and the extra sewing on our accessory patches. Matching Cordura nylon sleeping bag stuff sacks are available in sizes S, M, and L.

Price: Cordura W/ S-FRAME or WRAP-AROUND FRAME: \$74.95
Parapack W/ S-FRAME or WRAP-AROUND FRAME: \$69.95
Stuff Sack: \$6.00



EUROPA

This is the finest traveling pack made. It has no metal frame ends exposed to snag upholstery when you're hitch hiking. It is just small enough to put in an airport locker, and more than large enough for a year of vagabonding. The full zippered front allows easy access for packing and complete organization. Three large outside pockets will hold all the items you want to be able to find in a hurry and leather accessory patches on the top and bottom if you need them.

Constructed of waterproof 11 oz. Cordura nylon, you needn't worry about your pack giving out on you as you cross the desert into Tangiers.

The pack utilizes constriction bands to keep

the pack profile narrow when a less than full load is being carried. The constriction bands also provide a nice spot to hang a jacket or slide in snow shoes, etc. Available in sizes small, medium and large.

Weight: Large—54 oz. Height: Large—24"
Med.—52 oz. Med.—22½"
Small—50 oz. Small—21"

Capacity: Large—2951 cubic inches
Med.—2783 cubic inches
Small—2615 cubic inches

Price: \$54.50

MOUNTAIN TOURIST

The MOUNTAIN TOURIST was designed for skiing, but the qualities that make it good for ski mountaineering also make it an excellent climbing pack. It has a vertical divider to keep the pack profile narrow and the contents organized and stable. The center divider can be removed easily by means of a full length zipper. Removing the center divider makes this an easy-to-pack traveling pack.

The MOUNTAIN TOURIST is made of 11 oz. Cordura nylon, with a comfortable 8 oz. Parapack nylon back. The large side pockets are detachable for skiing or tight fits. Included is an ice axe attachment, and leather accessory patches on the top, bottom and back of the pack. Available in sizes S, M, and L.

Weight: Large—58 oz. Height: Large—24"
Med.—56 oz. Med.—22½"
Small—54 oz. Small—21"

Capacity: Large—2892 cubic inches
Med.—2736 cubic inches
Small—2580 cubic inches

Pocket Weight: 8 oz./pair
Pocket Capacity: 471 cu. in./pair

Price: \$49.50
Pockets: \$10.00/pair.



ALPINIST

Designed for the serious alpine mountaineer. The ALPINIST has a large zippered top pocket and three outside pockets. It has a waterproof flared extension to aid in overstuffing the pack when required (the top pocket adjusts to allow 12 extra inches of height) and for bivouacs when necessary. The large side pockets are removable for tight fits or for attaching skis. (Did you ever try to clean Klister off a pocket that was sewn on and designed to have the ski slide behind it?) The side pockets have full length double zippers to allow easy access top or bottom. The ALPINIST is made of the toughest 11.5 oz. Cordura nylon with a bottom of either double layer 11.5 oz. Cordura nylon or leather to stand up to the abuse a serious mountaineer would

give it. With an ice axe carrier, crampon and accessory patches and excellent sewing, this is the finest pack available for the alpinist. Available in sizes medium and large.

Weight: Large—67 oz. Height: Large—31"
Med.—64 oz. Med.—29½"
Lg. w/leather—74 oz.
Med. w/leather—71 oz.

Capacity: Large—4100 cubic inches
Med.—3944 cubic inches

Pocket Weight: 8 oz./pair
Pocket Capacity: 471 cu. in./pair

Price: \$55.00
W/leather bottom: \$65.00
Attachable Pockets: \$10.00/pair

BACKPACKER

The BACKPACKER is for the ardent hiker who prefers to travel off the trails, crossing rugged passes and boulder fields, but still wishes to carry more than a rucksack will hold. It gives the stability of an internal frame pack with a capacity equal to or surpassing most external frame packs. The lower U-shaped zippered compartment will hold a large down or Polarguard bag, while the outside back and top pockets will hold many extras. The BACKPACKER is constructed of 11 oz. Cordura nylon with a flared waterproof rip-stop extension at the top for overpacking. The back is made of smooth 8 oz. Parapack nylon for comfort against the wearer's back. Drawstring and clamp close both the extension and top compartment. Available in sizes

small, medium and large.

Weight: Large—60 oz. Height: Large—30"
Med.—58 oz. Med.—28½"
Small—56 oz. Small—27"

Capacity: Large—2940 cubic inches
Med.—2784 cubic inches
Small—2628 cubic inches

Price: \$58.00



VAGABOND

As the name implies, this pack is for anyone who likes to travel — whether on foot, skis or the Goodyear Blimp. Made of 11.5 oz. Cordura nylon, the VAGABOND has a large easy-to-get-to top pocket and three generous outside pockets for organized yet easy packing. A unique internal frame system, that can easily be removed if desired, transfers weight to the padded waist belt. This system makes the VAGABOND carry more efficiently with heavier loads than other packs its size. The aluminum stays should be bent to fit your back to achieve the best results. A nylon covered 1/2" foam pad not only protects your back from misplaced objects, but also makes this pack one of the most comfortable packs you can wear.

The VAGABOND comes with ice axe attachments, a haul loop and plenty of thick leather accessory patches so that nothing has to be left behind. Available with pockets sewn on or with detachable pockets for those who enjoy more versatility for ski touring or climbing.

Weight: 35 oz. Height: 24"

Capacity: 2496 cubic inches

Price: \$37.50

W/detachable Pockets:

Weight: 37 oz.

Capacity: 2496 cubic inches

Price: \$42.50 (includes pockets)



ROR WRAP-AROUND

A wrap-around pack designed for maximum stability while skiing or mountaineering. Divided into two compartments, the bottom half serves as a sleeping bag stuff sack, which transforms into a padded waistband when full. The upper compartment is vertically divided to keep the weight close to the back but comfortably away from the spine.

A smooth nylon back and soft shoulder pads make it comfortable even without a shirt. The main compartment closes with a large heavy-duty #7 YKK zipper. Small loops of cord should be tied to the zipper pulls to aid in use in cold weather. Extra pockets can be added for longer trips when a greater carrying capacity is required.

Like other WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE packs, all zippers and major stress points are completely reinforced and the shoulder straps are sewn six times at both the top and bottom. The body of the ROR is made of tough 8 oz. Cordura nylon; the fabric against the wearer's back is a softer 8 oz. nylon Parapack cloth.

Weight: 31 oz. Height: 30"

Capacity: 2597 cubic inches

Pocket Weight: 6 oz./pair

Pocket Capacity: 275 cu. in./pair

Price: \$39.95

Pockets: \$7.95/pair



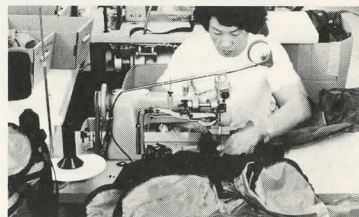
ALPINE RUCKSACK

The classic Alpine rucksack. Made of tough 11.5 oz. Cordura nylon with one top and two side zippered pockets (with rain flaps) and a rugged leather bottom. The main compartment closes with drawstring and clamp. Patches are included for crampons and ice axe. Adjustable straps from the 1/2" foam padded shoulder pads to the top of the pack eliminates that hunched over feeling typical of most rucksacks. For stable carrying, the ALPINE has a 3/4" nylon adjustable waistband and utilizes a slanted bottom design.

Weight: 38 oz. Height: 22"

Capacity: 2633 cubic inches

Price: \$36.95



*We guarantee our packs
against defects in materials
and workmanship for as long
as you own them.*



CHAMONIX

Possibly the most versatile mountain pack made. The CHAMONIX comes with a waterproof flared extension with drawstring and clamp for overstuffing or bivouacing when necessary. It has a large 4" deep zippered top pocket and accessory ski patches that will hold extra side pockets and skis at the same time. Adjustable straps from the 1/2" foam padded shoulder pads to the top of the pack eliminate any backward pull, while a foam padded hip belt transfers weight from the shoulders to the hips for maximum comfort and stability. Crampon patches and an offset ice axe loop round out this most versatile pack. Excellent for either climbing or skiing.

Made of 11.5 oz. Cordura nylon, the

CHAMONIX is available with a bottom of either double layer 11.5 oz. Cordura nylon or thick leather. Your choice. Side pockets are available.

Weight: 34 oz. Height: 23"
41 oz. w/leather

Capacity: 2420 cubic inches

Pocket Weight: 6 oz./pair

Pocket Capacity: 275 cu. in./pair

Price: \$36.00

W/leather bottom: \$45.00

Attachable Pockets: \$7.95/pair



KLETTHER SACK

The KLETTHER SACK incorporates a spacious top loading main compartment with a large specially designed top pocket. A comfortable, firm, six inch wide piece of 1/2" foam protects your back from any sharp or casually placed objects. A variety of accessory patches are arranged to accommodate extra equipment on the top, bottom, back and sides of the pack, including patches for carrying both skis and ice axe. Additional side pockets are available for longer or more serious trips. The upper pack is made from 8 oz. Cordura nylon, 11.5 oz. Cordura is used on the bottom and lower section where the pack takes the most abuse.

All stress seams and zippers are reinforced with double stitching. Smooth 8 oz. nylon

pack cloth faces your back for comfort. With 1/2" foam padded shoulder straps and a 3/4" webbing waistband to eliminate any shifting when traveling over rough terrain, the KLETTHER SACK is the finest pack of its kind.

For those who prefer it, the KLETTHER SACK is also available with a leather bottom lined with waterproof 8 oz. nylon.

Weight: 24 oz. Height: 21"
28 oz. w/leather bottom

Capacity: 1600 cubic inches

Optional Pocket Weight: 6 oz./pair

Optional Pocket Capacity: 275 cu. in./pair

Price: \$24.00 W/leather bottom: \$29.95

Attachable side pockets: \$7.95/pair

MEADOW DAY PACK

A most practical day pack. It has a large single compartment with more than enough room for a jacket and lunch. The large back pocket and a zippered top pocket are perfect for holding all the little things. The MEADOW is made of 8 oz. Cordura nylon and has the same 1/2" thick padded shoulder straps as our other packs. The main compartment closes with a drawstring and clamp. An adjustable 3/4" webbing waistband is included.

Weight: 14 oz. Height: 18"

Capacity: 1038 cubic inches

Price: \$15.95

TEARDROP

A very roomy pack divided in half for easy

organization and comfort. Designed for ski touring, bicycling and any time a secure fitting pack is required. The pack utilizes double-pull zippers with the lower compartment zipper opening around three sides for easy access and the top compartment having a hatch opening.

The TEARDROP features an ice axe carrier, 1/2" foam padded shoulder straps, an adjustable 3/4" webbing waistband, and two leather patches on the bottom. The TEARDROP is made of tough 8 oz. Cordura nylon and, with a smooth 8 oz. Parapack nylon back.

Weight: 13 oz. Height: 19"

Capacity: 841 cubic inches

Price: \$18.95 W/leather bottom: \$23.95



HUMMINGBIRD

This small day pack is excellent for short bird watching excursions or for carrying your things around back in the city. One full length compartment with a smaller front pocket section. Both closed with zippers that are double stitched for strength.

The **NYLON HUMMINGBIRD**, made of 8 oz. Parapack, with 2" webbing shoulder straps and 3/4" webbing waistband.

The **CORDURA HUMMINGBIRD**, made of 11.5 oz. Cordura nylon with 1/2" foam padded shoulder straps and 3/4" nylon waistband.

Weight: Nylon—9 oz. Height: 15½"

Cordura—16 oz.

Capacity: 850 cubic inches

Price: Nylon—\$12.95 Cordura—\$16.50

BIKE PACK

The **BIKE PACK** combines quality sewing and materials in a lightweight, inexpensive day pack that will easily hold two large notebooks and supplies and still have room for more in the back pocket.

As in our other packs, the zipper and all stress seams are either double or triple stitched. Made of 8 oz. Parapack nylon for both durability and light weight. The **BIKE PACK** utilizes a double-pull zipper on the main compartment. Adjustable webbing shoulder straps and waistband assures you a steady pack while bicycling or hiking.

Weight: 8 oz. Height: 15"

Capacity: 513 cubic inches

Price: \$10.00

FRAME WEIGHT-FRAME WITH BAG WEIGHT AND CAPACITY

S-FRAME

Weight W/ Fittings*	Front Opening Bag		Capacity
	Size	Weight	
45 oz.	Small	72 oz.	2787 cubic inches
48 oz.	Medium	75 oz.	3035 cubic inches
50 oz.	Large	78 oz.	3283 cubic inches
52 oz.	X-Large	81 oz.	3562 cubic inches
Top Opening Bag			
	Small	76 oz.	2795 cubic inches
	Medium	79 oz.	3126 cubic inches
	Large	82 oz.	3500 cubic inches
	X-Large	84 oz.	3863 cubic inches

WRAP-AROUND FRAME

Front Opening Bag			
45 oz.	Small	76 oz.	2842 cubic inches
48 oz.	Medium	79 oz.	3501 cubic inches
50 oz.	Large	82 oz.	3768 cubic inches
50 oz.	X-Large	82 oz.	3768 cubic inches
Top Opening Bag			
	Small	77 oz.	2907 cubic inches
	Medium	81 oz.	3591 cubic inches
	Large	84 oz.	3972 cubic inches
	X-Large	84 oz.	3972 cubic inches

*Fittings include: shoulder straps, mesh back band, waistband.

PACK FRAME SIZING CHART

EXTERNAL HEIGHT			INTERNAL HEIGHT
	MEN	WOMEN	
less than 5'3"	sm	sm	Less than 5'4"
5'4"	sm or med	sm	5'5"
5'5"	med	sm or med	5'6"
5'6"	med	med	5'7"
5'7"	med or lge	med	5'8"
5'8"	lge	med or lge	5'9"
5'9" to 5'11"	lge	lge	5'10" or over
6'0"	lge or ex-lge	lge	
over 6'0"	ex-lge	ex-lge	

Pack size is determined by the distance between the top of your shoulders and the top of your hip bone. When there is a choice between two sizes, long waisted people should wear the larger size.