

## **KŌM SKI INFORMATION**

**MOUNTING** – Kōm 162 cm. Mount the Kōm with a 3 pin or 3 pin cable (or equivalent telemark binding) by measuring 86cm in a straight line from tail to pin line. Most telemark bindings use the imaginary pin line as a reference for mounting.

The old standard of balance point (xc skis) and more recently, cord center, is NOT recommended. The Kōms were designed to be slightly forward mounted to improve their balance and swing weight, as well as to break trail in deeper snow with more even ski penetration. Boot center can be found by measuring the boot from toe to heel (minus the duckbill). Measure ½ of this distance back from the pin line to your boot center mark.

We recommend using an elastic glue for mounting (like shoe glue or Goop). This works well for the screws and also seals the holes well for water penetration. Wood glue is not effective, epoxy works but does not have the resilient bond of the recommended glue.

**FISHSCALE BASE** – The Kōm has a fishscale base for climbing moderate angles. We still use climbing skins for steeper mountain touring, but the fishscale base remains incredibly useful for poking around (snow assessment) short climbs, or crossing flats or small climbs encountered on a run. Approaches to tours and ridgeline traverses can often be done with just the fishscale base as well. You will find that they climb best in warm wet snows and are less effective in deep cold snows.

**WAXING** - It is not recommended to hot wax over the fishscales as this will plug them up. You can hot wax the tip and tail as with a normal ski, but use a paste wax like Swix F4 on the scales.

**CLIMBING BARS** – The Kōms come with the standard Voile heel piece, and climbing bars can be purchased to fit these.

### **HELPFUL LINKS**

Goop Glue –

<http://www.amazon.com/Amazing-GOOP®-Sport-Outdoor-Adhesive/dp/B003XV1LCY>

Voile Climbing Bars –

<http://www.voile.com/voile-telemark-binding-accessories/voile-3-pin-cable-climbing-wires.html>

Swix F4 -

<http://www.amazon.com/Swix-F4-Universal-Paste-Wax/dp/B00196KDLK>

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