# Product Review

**Product:** Avalanche Safety Pack

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Selecting this Avalanche Safety Pack in its smaller 22-liter configuration was driven by the specific needs of quick sidecountry laps directly off the resort boundary and the streamlined demands of heli-skiing operations. In these scenarios, minimizing bulk and maximizing freedom of movement are often prioritized over carrying capacity. This pack delivers exceptionally well on that front; its design is remarkably streamlined, hugging the back closely and feeling virtually unobtrusive even when skiing aggressively through bumps or tight trees. It simply doesn't interfere with dynamic ski movements.

A major advantage of this particular model is its battery-powered fan airbag system. This technology allows for multiple deployments on a single charge, facilitating crucial practice sessions, and completely eliminates the headaches associated with air travel restrictions on compressed gas canisters – a huge plus for fly-in trips or traveling to different ski regions. Access to the dedicated snow safety tool compartment is rapid and highly intuitive, with well-designed zippers allowing immediate access to shovel and probe without fumbling, which is critical in an emergency.

The unavoidable trade-off, however, is the genuinely tight 22L capacity. Fitting anything beyond the absolute essentials – safety tools, a small water bladder or bottle, a tiny emergency kit, and perhaps spare goggles or gloves – becomes a significant challenge. Forget packing an extra insulating layer, a substantial lunch, or anything beyond the bare minimum. Additionally, while perhaps not heavier overall, the fan system's components create a different kind of weight distribution and bulk internally compared to a compact compressed air cylinder, occupying valuable space.

For its intended purpose – short missions close to resources, heli/cat skiing, or situations where travel convenience and practice deployments are paramount – this pack and its fan system excel brilliantly. But prospective buyers must be acutely aware of and comfortable with its very limited carrying capacity.