



# APEX GUIDE

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## OVERVIEW



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Congratulations on your purchase of a SALEWA Pack. We want to be sure that you understand and utilize your new SALEWA pack in the best way. Following you will find a description of all functions the Pack is offering.

## FEATURES



### 1 ICE AXE FASTENING, WITH PROTECTION POCKET

Insert the axe pick into the dedicated pocket, fix the head in place with the bungee cord and tighten it using the cord stopper, if present. Fasten the shaft to the bungee loop using the dedicated buckle.



### 2 POLE FASTENING

Insert the pole tips through the strap/bungee cord loop until the plastic stopper. Fix the upper part hooking the dedicated buckle to the bungee loop.

### 3 COMPARTMENT FOR SHOVEL AND PROBE



### 4 DETACHABLE HOOD

If you want to save weight or to have more freedom of movement when climbing, you can remove the hood. Open the two buckles at the front and the two at the back of the hood.



### 5 ROPE FIXATION WITH MAGNETIC BUCKLE

Position your rope in the upper part of the backpack and fix in place.



### 6 SIDE ZIPPER ACCESS

For quick and easy access into the main compartment without having to open the top.

### 7 PARALLEL SKI ATTACHMENT

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**1 SPLIT SHOULDER STRAP**

Lightweight, split shoulder straps for comfort and breathability.

**2 ROBIC® 210D RIPSTOP FABRIC**

High tenacity and 60% greater tear resistance than standard nylon.

**3 STERNUM STRAP**

Slide the strap in the middle of your sternum to stabilize the pack to your body. The elastic strap promotes effective breathing and a snug fit.

**4 HYDRATION SYSTEM EXIT**

Place the hydration system in the pouch on the back of your pack. Fasten the hydration system either with the sewn in hangers or velcro. Thread the hose through the hydration exit and secure it underneath the routers on the shoulder straps.

**5 ADDITIONAL VOLUME****6 EVA PADS WITH 3D CHANNEL VENTILATION**

3D channels in the foam pads permit air to flow freely over the back without compromising load control.

## GENERAL INFORMATION



### 1. MAIN BENEFITS

We seek to design the best-possible solutions for mountain enthusiasts based on our philosophy of creating strong & light products. We understand our users' needs and provides the right features and benefits for them to enjoy their adventures:

#### STRENGTH & DURABILITY

Our design team carefully analyses the exact functions of each part of a backpack to define performance requirements, select an optimum combination of materials and engineer the strongest gear for the longest use.

#### LIGHTWEIGHT DESIGN

Our sophisticated design solutions use the best materials to minimize weight. Lightweight fabrics, buckles, straps and accessories also help keep weight down.

#### OPTIMAL LOAD DISTRIBUTION

SALEWA trekking backpacks are fitted with Custom FIT and Custom FIT PRO carrying systems. Their easy-adjust torso lengths, mean that even heavy loads can be carried comfortably for long periods. For optimal load distribution, ensure that the carrying system is properly adjusted, including the load control straps. In addition, make sure your pack is set up correctly, both horizontally and vertically.

#### VENTILATION

Sweating cools down the body via evaporation. Conventional backpacks stop this happening as their back panels prevent the ventilation sweat requires to evaporate. The wet back panels mean you get chilled. All SALEWA backpack back panels are designed to ensure good ventilation.

### 2. CARRYING SYSTEMS

SALEWA has two different carrying systems. Depending on size and area of use, its backpacks are equipped with an AIR FIT or a CONTACT FIT system. Our AIR FIT system maximizes ventilation and minimizes the backpack surface in contact with the body; the CONTACT FIT system keeps the load barycentre of the backpack close to the body for maximum control on ascents and provides good ventilation through its air channels.

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### 3. ADJUSTING YOUR BACKPACK

#### HOW TO GET THE BEST FIT:

1. Loosen all straps (shoulder straps, load control straps, waist belt, compression straps) before you load the pack.
2. If your backpack has a back regulation system, follow the instructions in the table to identify your torso length and set the correct back length.
3. Pull in the waist belt so that it sits just above the pelvis. Make sure that your iliac crest is centred between the waist belt padding. Close the buckles. Secure the loose ends of the straps.
4. Tighten (but don't overtighten) the shoulder straps until the carrying system meets the back.

The attachment point of the shoulder straps should be about one inch below the seventh vertebra (C7). If necessary, readjust the back length.

5. If your pack has them, tighten the load control straps at the top of the shoulder straps.
6. Close and adjust the length of the chest (sternum) strap, and make sure it sits at the right height (at your sternum). A snug fit will help stabilise the pack. Take care not to create pressure points.
7. Check the load control straps again and ensure that your shoulder straps fit snugly around your shoulders.

| TORSO MEASUREMENT | FIXED BACK LENGTH SIZE | CUSTOM FIT PRO BACK LENGTH MALE | CUSTOM FIT PRO BACK LENGTH FEMALE |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 38/40cm           | SHORT                  |                                 | SHORT                             |
| 40/45cm           |                        | SHORT                           | MEDIUM                            |
| 45/50cm           | REGULAR                | MEDIUM                          | LARGE                             |
| 50/53cm           |                        | LARGE                           |                                   |

### 4. PACKING YOUR BACKPACK

We recommend that you never pack more than 70% of your pack's volume. The extra room will come in useful if you have to unpack the contents and quickly pack them again.

- Space is limited, so it makes sense to pack systematically. This also makes your pack easier to carry. We recommend packing as follows: store lighter items, such as your sleeping bag and reserve clothes at the bottom; keep heavy items such as your cooking equipment or tent in the area of your upper back.
- Store valuable item such as documents, money, keys etc. in the dedicated pocket.
- Pack items you want close to hand at the top or in outside pockets: extra clothing, water bottle, maps, compass, snacks, etc.

- Fasten longer items, such as tent poles or trekking poles, to the side of the pack using the compression straps – and store the loose ends away in the side pockets. If required, large and bulky items (sleeping mat, tent, etc.) can be attached on the outside using compression straps.
- Store your cooking equipment, food, spare clothing and other items in the main compartment. Keep your most frequently used gear close to the top. Less frequently used kit (e.g. bivouac sack) can stay at the bottom.
- The separate bottom compartment is meant for your lighter items, such as your sleeping bag or spare base layers.

### 5. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Backpacks do not need much care and maintenance. Stains can be cleaned off with water. Lubricate the zippers occasionally with silicone or oil. Although, if you use your pack in dusty areas, don't use silicone or oil as they attract dust. If your zippers stick, clean them with an old toothbrush.

### 6. CONTACT

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