

SPARK R&D SPLITBOARD SKINS

Setup & User Guide



SKIN SIZING

There are three different skin lengths; each length will fit a range of splitboards.

Small – fits 147cm-161cm

Medium – fits 159cm-175cm

Large – fits 172cm-186cm

WIDTH TRIMMING

It is necessary to trim your Spark Splitboard Skins to fit your splitboard prior to use.

1. Remove release liner (A).
2. Attach tip connector to splitboard half (B). Make sure that the metal hand holding the straight edge of your splitboard is gripping securely and the cross bar is oriented directly across the board.
3. Attach and adjust tailclip for length (C). Hook the clip over the curved edge of your board half, then pull hard on the tail stretcher and hook the other end over the straight edge of your board half. Too loose or too tight? Push the stretcher back through the clip to unlock one of the tabs and then reposition to adjust tension.
4. Make sure the skin is mounted straight and flat on your board. The skin should overhang the straight edge of your board approximately 2mm consistently along the board length.
5. Trim the skin fabric by following the board edge with the skin trim tool (D).
6. Repeat this simple action on both edges of the board without repositioning skin.
7. Skin should be trimmed precisely to reveal both board edges (E).

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR SKINS

Your skin glue is sacred – keep it clean. When removing your skins don't drop them in snow, pine needles or on dusty floors. Dirt and lint from fabrics will stick to your skin glue and weaken its hold.

If possible, dry both sides of your skins daily after use. Be careful not to expose them to direct sunlight or sources of heat like fires and stoves. If hanging them in a mountain hut's common drying area, hang them carefully and securely, so that other items like wool socks and gloves do not come into contact with the glue.

Do not expose your skins to temperatures above normal room temperature (22°C/72°F), or expose them to direct sunlight.

Freshly waxed boards must be well scraped. Any loose wax will contaminate your skins' glue.

Do not put your skins on your board the night before; apply them at the trailhead.

HOW TO STORE YOUR SKINS

Do not store your skins on your board.

For any longer-term storage we strongly recommend using skin savers, included with your skins. These storage sheets sandwich between the adhesive sides of your folded skins, making your skins much easier to handle and pull apart after they have been stored for a length of time. Use them!

Cut the skin saver in half and adhere each piece to the bottom half of each skin. Fold the tip end of the skin back onto the skin saver so that a single layer of mesh is sandwiched between the two halves of the skin.

With the skin savers in place between the skins' adhesive sides, you can roll or fold your skins and put them in the storage bag.

NOTE: Skin Savers are not intended for use in the field.

ALWAYS store your fully dried skins in a cool, dry place.

STAY SAFE IN THE BACKCOUNTRY

Splitboard with a buddy.

Take a transceiver, shovel and probe and know how to use them.

Check your local avalanche center advisory.

