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Rotating the heel into ski mode. S

5. TIPS FOR USING THE ZED BINDING

CLEAR ICE AND SNOW

a. Before every descent, make it your practice to check for and clear any snow under the toe assembly (*P*) and heel assembly (*Q*) prior to skiing. After stepping into the toe, and before locking the heel down into ski mode, it is recommended to pivot the boot on the toe pins a couple of times, to ensure any ice in the boot inserts gets cut away.

USING YOUR POLE TO CLEAR SNOW

b. Your ski pole can be used to clear snow from the binding under the toe jaws (R).

SWITCHING FROM TOUR MODE TO SKI MODE USING YOUR SKI POLE

c. You can use the end of your pole to lever off your boot to switch the heel from ski tour mode into ski mode (S).

USING THE LEASH

- d. To connect the leash to the control arm tower on the toe of the binding, connect the wire loop end of the leash by pushing the loop through the hole in the control arm tower. Then pull the carabiner through the wire loop and snug it up.
- e. When using the leash, clip the carabiner either directly to your boot buckle, or to the included wire loops which you can girth hitch to larger boot buckles. When in avalanche terrain, or somewhere you do not want to be leashed in, stow the leash by clipping it to itself by the leash clip or remove it from the binding.

IMPORTANT WARNINGS

- a. The release setting requires a specialized understanding of multiple factors.
 Adjustments to release settings should only be made by a G3 authorized dealer.
 Any improper adjustment of release setting by any unauthorized person will put the skier at risk of injury and void the warranty.
- b. Prior to each use the binding should be checked for any broken parts, correct release function, and contamination. If anything is defective or broken please return the binding to a G3 authorized dealer for service.
- c. Since skiing has inherent risks, do not overestimate your ability when describing your skiing level to the authorized dealer who will set your release setting. If in doubt, underestimate your ability, and return to the authorized dealer to have an increase in retention made.
- d. Skiing the G3 ZED binding without a ski brake or a ski leash can put others at risk, as well as risk the loss of the ski and binding. A ski brake alone is not sufficient to protect against the loss of a ski in deep snow. The use of a ski leash is not recommended in avalanche terrain.
- e. Ski touring is a demanding sport in which environmental conditions and terrain can change quickly and be hazardous. Obtain proper training and rescue equipment before ski touring, and don't overestimate your abilities. Always make use of all available weather and avalanche condition information prior to touring. Never ski tour under the influence of any drug or mind changing substance.

f. Never ski tour alone.

- g. Due to the exposure to environmental conditions that are common during ski touring (ice, snow, water, dirt) the release setting may change. Extended or incorrect storage can also affect release setting. At the start of each season, the release setting should be checked using specialized equipment at a G3 authorized dealer.
- h. Specialized alpine touring boots with "TECH" inserts are required for use with G3 ZED bindings. Any non compliant boot or excessively worn "TECH" inserts can alter the release setting. The boot is an integral part of the release system. The release setting should be checked using specialized equipment at an authorized dealer with the intended boot(s) for use.
- i. During transport, bindings can become contaminated with salt, dirt and other contaminants that can alter or impair the release function. Cover your bindings during transport to reduce this risk.
- j. Use only genuine G3 accessories for ZED bindings to ensure that the release setting or any other design feature is not compromised



BOOT COMPATIBILITY

- a. The ZED bindings are only compatible with alpine touring ski boots (ISO 9523) with Tech compatible inserts.
- Bellowed touring boots or NTN type boots with TECH inserts are not currently supported; the flex creates an unpredictable release environment.

WARRANTY

G3 warrants that the product will meet the specifications stated in the instructions and G3 agrees to replace the product free of charge if the product does not conform to the specifications. Notice for replacement must be given within 60 days of the discovery of the defect.

In consideration of the above promises by G3, the buyer agrees to and accepts the following conditions:

That this warranty is in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied;

That ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE HEREBY EXCLUDED AND/OR WAIVED;

That the buyer's sole remedy shall be to obtain replacement of the product free of charge from G3; and

That this remedy is in lieu of all other remedies or claims for damages, consequential or otherwise, which the buyer may have against G3.

G3 shall have no liability for Any loss or injury caused, in whole or in part, by its actions, omissions, or negligence, or for contingencies beyond its control;

The warranty extends only to you, the original purchaser. It is not transferable to anyone who subsequently purchases the G3 from you.

- a. Any custom modifications to the binding will invalidate the warranty, and could put the skier at risk of injury.
- b. Any unintended use of the binding will void the warranty, and could put people at risk.

For the most current information, videos and instructions on mounting and using your ZED bindings go to: **http://www.genuineguidegear.com** For full G3 product warranty details please visit:

http://www.genuineguidegear.com/service/g3-product-warranty

















Step in position D



F



ZED toe in ski tour mode F



ZED heel in ski mode A

Pins are facing to the side B

Step down on brake C

1. SWITCHING FROM SKI MODE TO TOUR MODE

CHANGING THE HEEL ASSEMBLY INTO TOUR MODE

a. To change the heel assembly from ski mode (A) into tour mode (B), the heel assembly needs to be rotated so that the heel pins face to the left or to the right (B). If you are using the ZED with a brake, it helps to depress the brake a little to avoid catching your fingers as you rotate the heel.

Note: It is very important to ensure that the heel assembly is rotated fully into the touring position (ie. it isn't able to be rotated further). You must feel it click into its correct position to be sure it's locked in tour mode.

Note: Make sure not to depress the brake while turning the heel. First turn the turret THEN the brake can be locked into tour mode. It is important that the brake is not depressed during the switch until the turret has locked into position in order to avoid damage to the heel.

- b. Prior to stepping into the toe of the binding, push down on the toe lever with a ski pole to ensure the toe assembly is in 'step in position.' Then click into the toe of the binding with a forward sliding motion from the rear, aimed at the central BootStop. When positioned correctly, the toe pins in the binding jaws will snap tightly into the tech inserts in the toe of your boot.
- c. Once the boot is in the toe piece, step firmly down onto the brake (if used) to lock it into tour mode (C).



CHANGING THE TOE ASSEMBLY INTO TOUR MODE

- d. Before stepping into the ZED binding the toe assembly should be placed in the 'step in position'. The toe assembly should be oriented with the toe tour mode lever pushed down and the jaws open (D).
- e. Once the toe assembly is in 'step in position,' step into the jaws with a forward sliding motion from the rear, rather than from directly above (E).
- f. When in tour mode it is recommended to lock out the toes. Do this by lifting the toe tour mode lever until it is at the tightest setting (F).

Note: The G3 ZED binding is only recommended to be skied with the tour mode lever unlocked in 'ski' mode. If the product is skied with the tour mode lock in place you are effectively removing the safety release features of the binding (as well as release functions in avalanche conditions), and putting yourself at risk of injury or death. Skiing the binding this way could void your warranty should you damage the binding in the event of a fall.



Press brake down J





ZED Toe, step in position L



to BootStop







Step down N

3. SKI MODE

ROTATING FROM TOUR MODE INTO SKI MODE

a. When rotating the heel assembly from tour mode into ski mode hold the brake down (if used) with one hand and rotate the heel with the other. If you are not using brakes, hold the ski with one hand and rotate the heel with the other. The heel rotation is aided by springs, keep your hand away from the pins as they quickly rotate forward. When correctly in ski mode, the pins will be facing forward and the brake (if used) will be deployed (K).

Note: Hold the brake down while rotating the heel, to prevent catching your fingers (J).

STEP IN POSITION

- b. Before stepping into the ZED binding the toe assembly should be placed in the 'step in position'. The toe piece should be oriented with the toe lever pushed down and the jaws open (L). After a release from the binding, it is necessary to switch the binding back to the step-in position before stepping back into the binding.
- c. Once the toe piece is in the 'step in position', step your boot into the jaws with a forward sliding motion from the rear, aimed at the central BootStop (M). That is a more effective entry angle than trying to enter the binding directly from above.
- d. Once the toe piece has snapped firmly into the boot toe inserts, step your heel down firmly and the heel pins will engage with the boot heel insert. You are now correctly in ski mode (N)

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ZED heel, low angle terrain G ZED heel, medium angle terrain H



ZED heel, high angle terrain

2. USING THE HEEL LIFTERS

a. The ZED binding has 3 different levels of heel lifters for when you are climbing. When you are on flat terrain orient the binding with the heel lifters to the back (G).

b. For moderately steep terrain, orient the binding with one of the heel lifters flicked forward (H). It can be flipped into place with either a hand or a ski pole.

c. For steep terrain, orient the binding with both of the heel lifters flicked forward (H). They can be flipped into place with either a hand or a ski pole.



Press down to open the ZED toe *o*

4. STEPPING OUT OF THE ZED BINDING

a. To step out of the binding, simply press down on the tour mode lever with your pole or your hand and raise your boot toe out of the binding (O). Pivot your boot toe to either the left or right to release the boot from the bindings heel pins.

