



A5 Adventures 1995 Catalog

A5 Adventures designs and manufactures equipment with adventure in mind. For the big-walls, our portaledges, haulbags, aiders, and gear slings have been proven for strength, durability, and optimal function, and have been key to many successful extreme vertical ascents around the world. And the same over-designed construction required for our big-wall equipment is built into all our products, which are all designed and manufactured with highly active pursuits in mind.

A5 products are manufactured by active outdoors folks in Flagstaff, Arizona. Our designs and construction are based on years of extensive experience, and have been continually refined and improved over years and years of product testing and feedback from the cutting edge of climbing and outdoor fields. Here at A5, we seek to innovate and create advanced systems and products. We are dedicated to quality and intend to make a contribution in meeting the needs of climbers with problem-solving design and development. Our goal is to be the supplier of the gear you need for adventure, whether it be weekend climbing at the local crags, or remote expeditionary ascents that push the limits of human endeavor.

WARRANTY

Genuine A5 Adventures, Inc. products are fully warranted against defects in workmanship and materials. Should any flaw appear due to defective craftsmanship and materials, even after extended use, A5 Adventures will repair or replace, at our option, the product at no cost to the original purchaser. Repairs for normal wear, accident, improper care or negligence where we are not at fault will be repaired for a reasonable charge.

DISCLAIMER

Climbing is a dangerous activity. The gear sold by A5 is designed to create a safer, more efficient climbing system. It is the responsibility of the user to properly evaluate and understand an item's limitations and potential prior to in-field use, and to assume all risk and liability in connection therewith. A5 Adventures, Inc. shall not be liable for consequential damages, injury, or death arising from any use of the products sold by A5 Adventures, Inc.

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Ordering Information:

See your dealer first!

Our products are available from a variety of shops around the world. We realize many climbers don't live near a A5 retail shop, so we offer a mail order service. Please allow extra time for delivery of certain products. To order direct, send check or money order for the order plus shipping: \$5.00 for orders up to \$200, and \$8.00 for orders more than \$200 in the USA.

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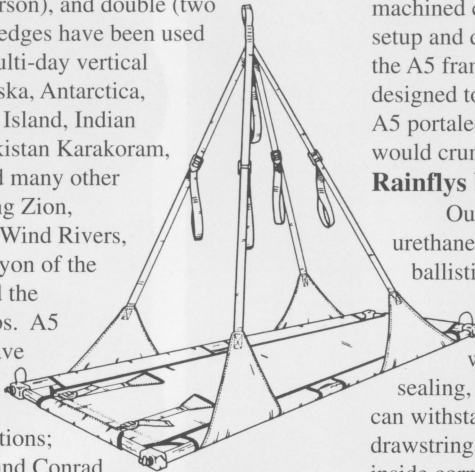
A5 Portaledges used worldwide

A5 Portaledges have been used on the cutting edge of extreme Grade VI ascents worldwide. Our strong and light single (one person), and double (two person) portaledges have been used on difficult multi-day vertical ascents in Alaska, Antarctica, Africa, Baffin Island, Indian Himalaya, Pakistan Karakoram, Patagonia, and many other areas, including Zion, Yosemite, the Wind Rivers, the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, and the Chamonix Alps. A5 portaledges have been tested in the most extreme conditions;

Mugs Stump and Conrad Anker spent 8 days and nights in their double ledge during a storm on the Eye Tooth in the Alaska range, and Greg Child and Mark Wilford report about being hammered by icefall during a three day storm on Trango with zero damage to their ledge and rainfly. The A5 Double Ledge and standard rainfly was used by John Midden-dorf and Xaver Bongard on the first ascent of *The Grand Voyage*, a 4400 vertical big-wall route on the Great Trango Tower in Pakistan, a route which was climbed in an 18 day push and which really tested the limits of survival on the vertical. Ascents which were once thought impossible considering the likelihood of extreme weather conditions are now comfortably survivable with A5 hanging bivouac shelter technology.

Compact and easy to set up.

A5 portaledges fit compactly in their own haulbag and can be set up anywhere, requiring only a single anchor point. Set-up takes less than a minute and is a breeze thanks to A5's exclusive "fold-over bed tensioning system", in which the frame is assembled first, followed by tensioning the bed. Comfort is unsurpassed in A5 portaledges. The beds are constructed of tough nylon packcloth with ballistics scuffguards at the wear points.



Engineered Quality

A5 portaledge frames are constructed of 6061 aircraft aluminum tubing and precision machined corners. Close tolerances ensure fast setup and disassembly. Lightweight and strong, the A5 frames are exceptionally rigid, and are designed to eliminate twisting and hourglassing. A5 portaledges are "bomber" in situations that would crumple any other design.

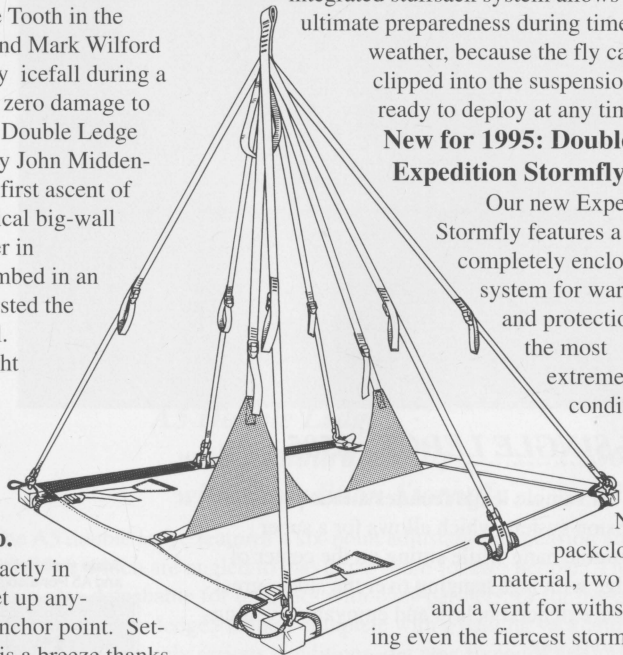
Rainflies built to last

Our standard rainflies are constructed of urethane coated oxford nylon and a full length ballistics nylon scuffguard. Unlike other products, our flies feature only a single vertical seam for maximum waterproofness. With proper seam sealing, the oxford nylon on our standard flies can withstand the most severe storms. A double drawstring closure and tensioning straps on the inside corners seal the fly to the ledge. An

integrated stuffsack system allows for ultimate preparedness during times of weather, because the fly can be clipped into the suspension ready to deploy at any time.

New for 1995: Double Expedition Stormfly.

Our new Expedition Stormfly features a completely enclosed system for warmth and protection in the most extreme conditions.



Nylon packcloth material, two doors and a vent for withstanding even the fiercest storms on big walls in the high altitude and

remote ranges of the world.

Proven durability.

The A5 Single and Double Portaledges have proven to be the standard in portable vertical-hung homes. Often copied but never equalled, our quality and design are unsurpassed.

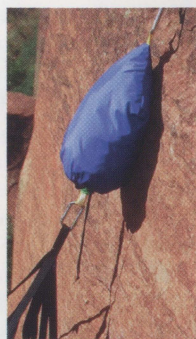
A5 Single Ledge



Double Butted End Tubes



Engineered Corners



Ready-to-deploy standard rainfly

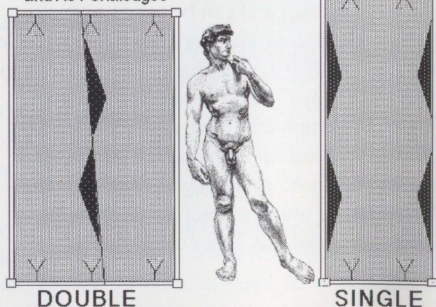
A5 SINGLE LEDGE . \$585

A5 single ledge features a four-point suspension system which allows for a super comfortable hang while sitting on the center of the ledge with legs hanging over the side—great for those extended belays and enjoyable evenings after a long day.

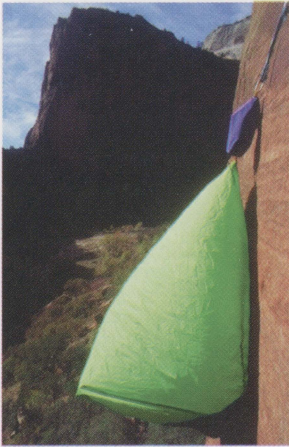
Comes complete with hauling sack and rainfly. Our rainflies feature a single vertical seam for minimum seam sealing, and our beds feature bed-tensioners on both ends. Simply the finest portaledges in the world!

Size: 29.5" x 84" Weight with fly: 10.5 lbs.

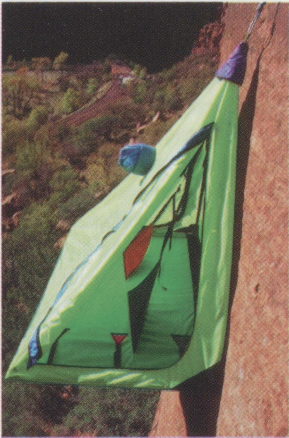
Scale sketch of six-foot man and A5 Portaledges



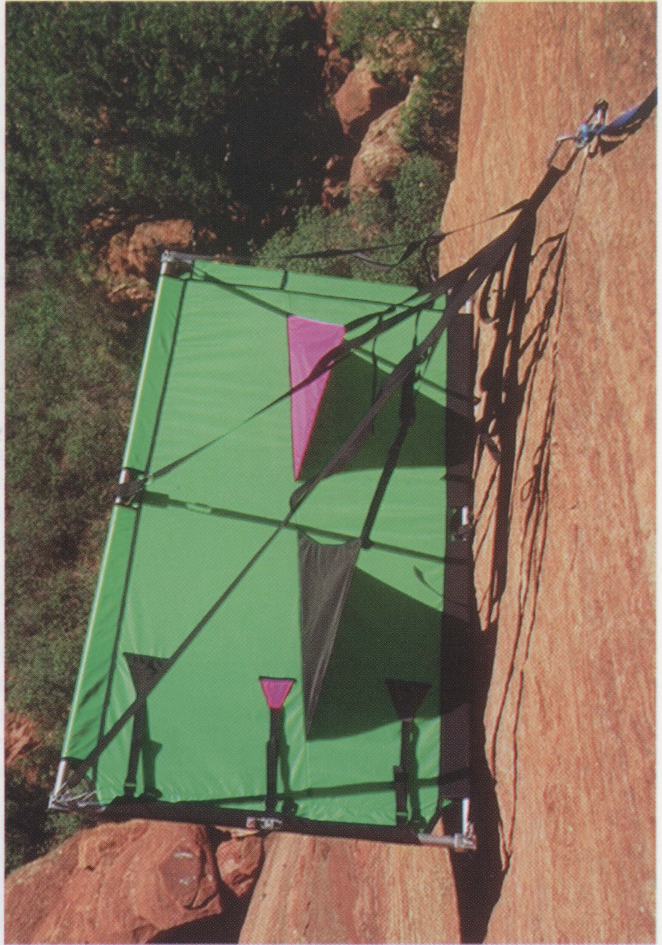
A5 Double Ledge



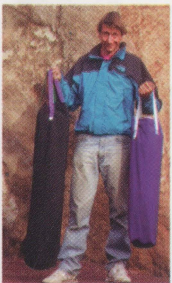
Standard Rainfly



Expedition Stormfly™
Stormfly only \$300



A5 Double Ledge
with standard rainfly \$655
with Expedition Stormfly \$750



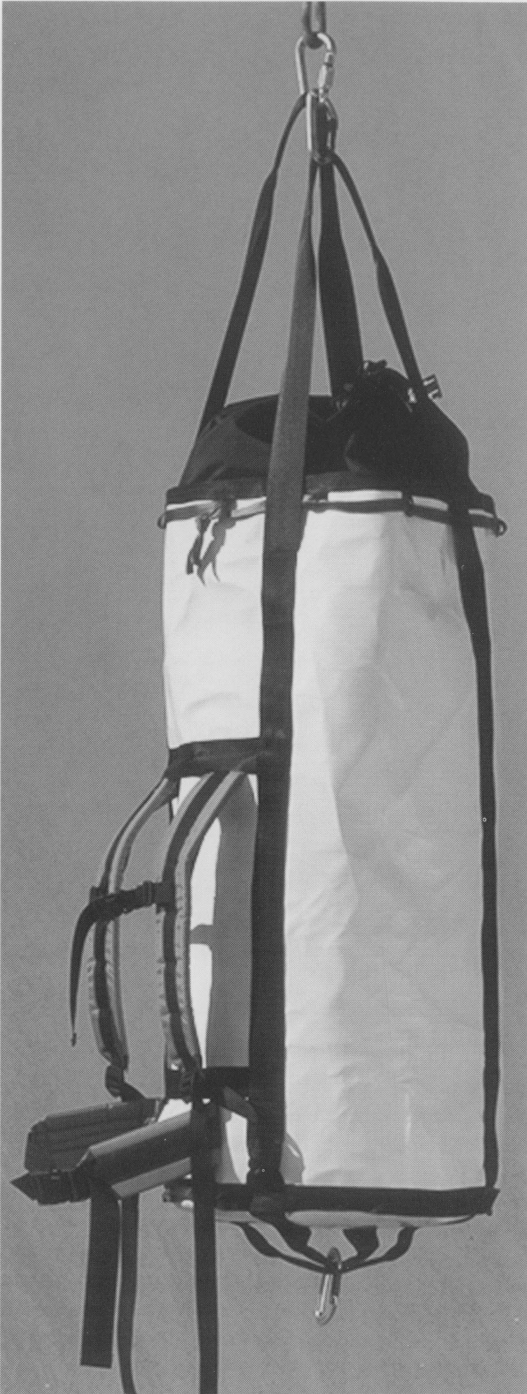
Packed sizes:
Double: 5" x 43"
Single: 6" x 32"

The A5 double ledge features a six-point adjustable suspension and two sharkfin dividers which are angled to maximize room for two people. The sharkfins are also detachable for bivouacs with cozy partners, or for use as a super roomy one-person ledge. Comes complete with a hauling sack and your choice of fly. For extremely serious conditions, our new Expedition Stormfly™ is made from 420 denier urethane coated Packcloth and features a completely enclosed shelter with floor, two doors and a vent. The A5 Double Portaledge is *the* ultimate vertical shelter, proven on expeditions worldwide. Size: 43" x 75" Weight with rainfly: 12 lbs.

Tips for sealing Portaledge Rainflies:

Sealing with regular seam sealer is a joke for conditions found on big walls. Instead, use McNett Corporation's Aquaseal™ or Seamgrip™ (for sealing wet suits, found in scuba diving shops), or a similar urethane product, like ShoePatch (Shoegoo is a bit too thick).

A5 Haulbags



A5 Haulbags have proven their toughness and durability on extreme big-wall ascents around the world. Constructed of the tough vinyl coated fabric which is famous for its durability, frictionless hauling, and waterproofness. Our haulbags have been known to survive unharmed after 2000 foot plummets from the top of a wall, fully packed and tossed. A5 Haulbags feature an



offset four-point suspension with carabiner clipped access, and full length 2" wide straps which run along the sides and bottom. All seams are protected from abrasion including the shoulder straps and bottom seam which have their own scuffguards. A full strength clip-in loop for securing the haulbag at belays is integrated into the suspension. A packcloth skirt and external drawstring closure seal the bag tight and give it a streamlined bullet shape for hauling. Carrying loads to the base is no problem with our fully padded suspension system: the padded waist belt is removable, and the integral padded shoulder straps tuck inside their own pocket quickly for easy access and snag-free hauling. An inside zippered pocket keeps small items accessible. A5 Haulbags have 10,000 cu. in. capacity.

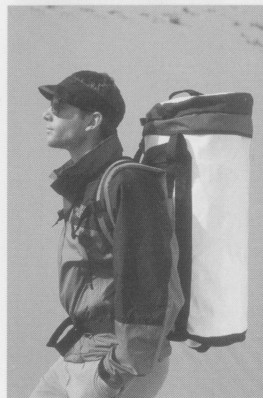


A5 HAULBAG \$155

Optional Lid ... \$10

A5 Haulpack

The A5 Haulpack is a medium sized haulbag for long day routes, or as a second haulbag for multi-day routes. For Grade V routes where a sizable rack, water, food, bivy and rain gear must all be carried, the A5 Haulpack is the tool. For extreme big wall

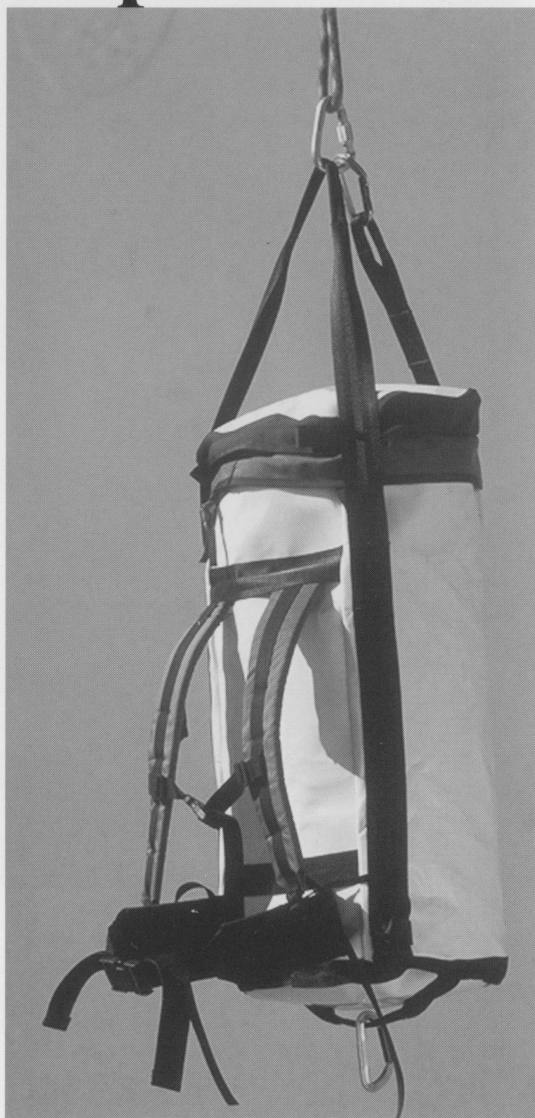
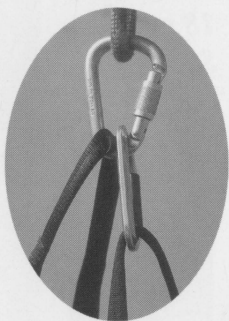


ascents where huge racks must be organized, the A5 Haulpack can be the gear bag, with separate slings of pitons, camming devices, mashheads, hooks, etc. suspended from the hauling point: the haulpack acts as a protective sheath for the

racks, while allowing easy access to medium sized items in the bottom of the pack.

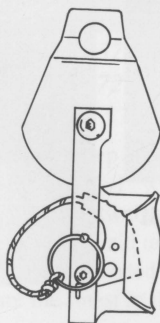
The A5 Haulpack features fully padded tuck-away shoulder straps and removable waist belt, internal clip-in points for securing gear, removable top lid with pocket, and tough vinyl coated fabric construction. 4000 cubic inch capacity.

Offset clip-in system facilitates getting into the bag while it hangs by one side.



A5 Haulpack with lid \$132.50

Hauling Tip:
Use Rock Exotica's Wall Hauler.



A5 haulbags in Pakistan
photo by John Middendorf



Mount Asgard North Tower Valkyrie VI, A4+

A5 Daisys

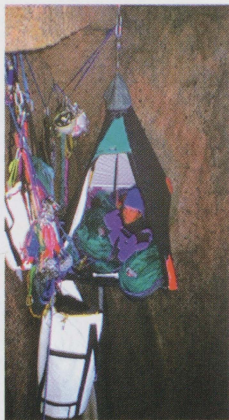
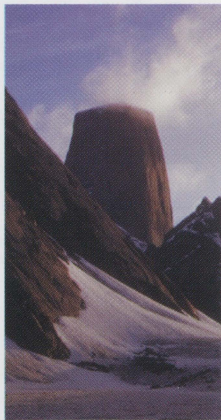
Daisy chains are essential for aid climbing and for use with ascenders. A5 Daisy chains are made from super strong 11/16" supertape webbing with triple bartacks at each pocket. All pockets run down the same side for low stretch when testing and moving onto placements. Overall strength exceeds 3000 lbs.

**2 lengths:
Regular
48", 14
pockets.
\$18.00**

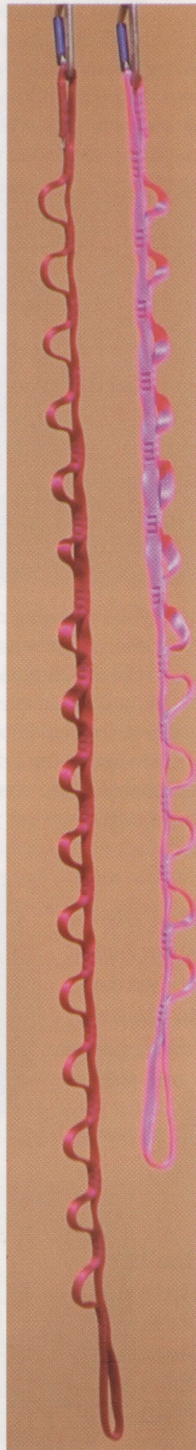
**Long: 57",
18 pockets.
\$20.00**

In 1994 Brad Jarret and Chris Breemer climbed a new route on Mt Asgard in Baffin Island using A5 portaedges and equipment. Poor weather, falling ice and rock, and difficult climbing were characteristic of their days on their route, named after the Valkyrie women of Norse mythology.

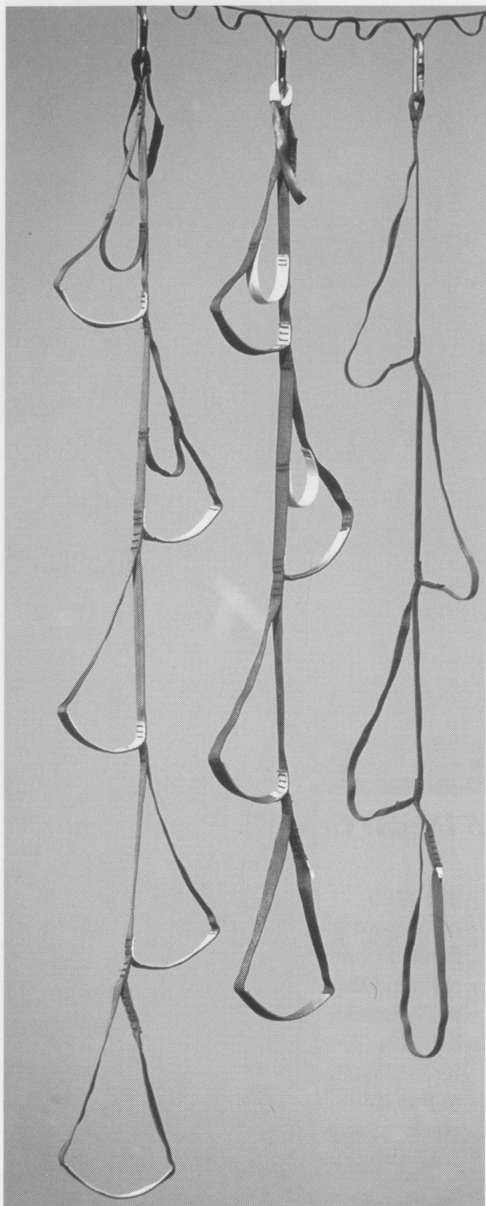
Photos by Brad Jarret



Tack detail



A5 Aiders

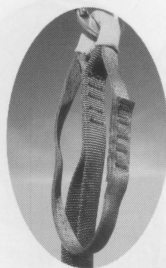


A5 4-step Aiders: 57" long, 6 oz. \$23.50 each.

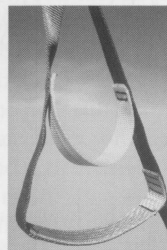
A5 5-step Aiders: 72" long, 8 oz. \$26.00 each.

A5 Alpine Aiders: 57" long, 3.5 oz. \$18.00 each.

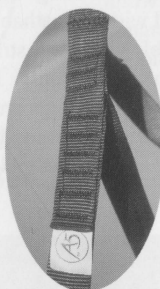
A5 4 and 5 step aiders offer the most features for serious aid. Sturdy 1" web construction. Alpine aiders (right) are lightweight 3/4" aiders for climbs with short sections of aid or for use as sub aiders. Aider pairs are color coded. Designed by experts, our aiders are the finest in the world.



Full strength supertape grab loop



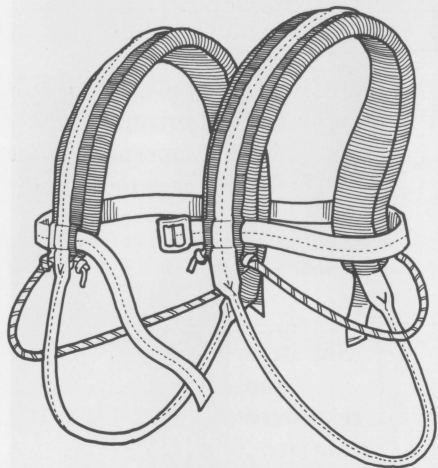
Sub steps and reinforced main steps.



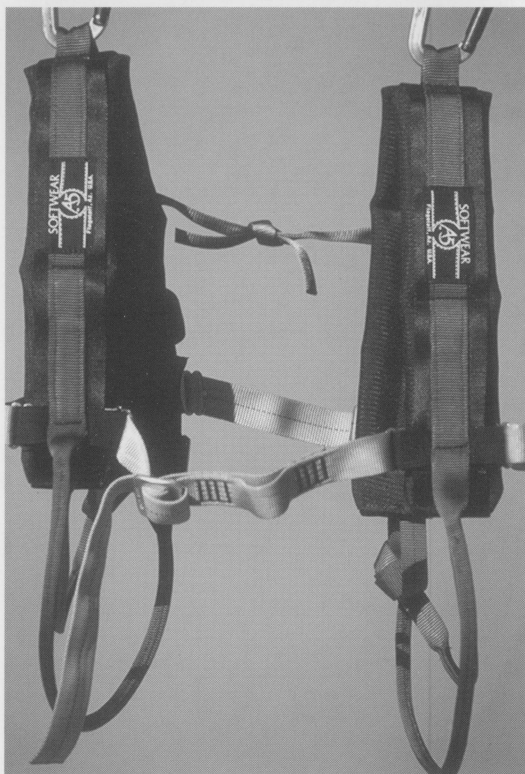
Tubular 1" webbing with multiple bar-tack construction.



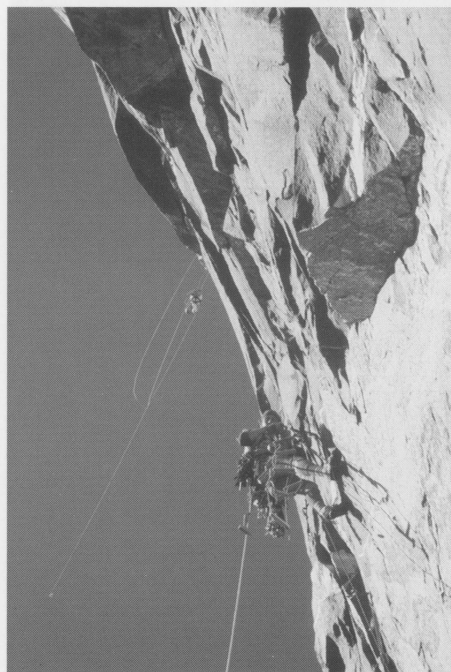
A5 Double Gear Sling



Our big-wall double gear sling is made for the "big jobs". The shoulder slings are well padded and covered with a breathable mesh nylon. An adjustable web chest strap doubles as a full strength chest harness. Both the primary and secondary gear slings are adjustable. The A5 double gear sling is unsurpassed in its ability to carry heavy loads.



A5 Double Gear Sling..... \$75.00

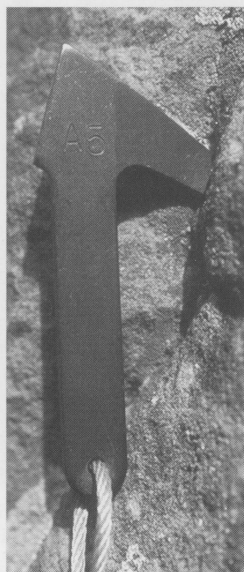


Xavier Bongard on the Wyoming Sheep Ranch.
Photo by John Middendorf

The 4130 chrome-moly A5 Birdbeak has revolutionized difficult aid climbing. Used for the thinnest of thin aid cracks. Swaged $3/32$ " cable.

Birdbeak Cleaning Tip

To clean beaks, tap gently with the hammer on each side to loosen. Then, jerk upward by the cable to remove.



A5 Birdbeak \$8.00

"Nose-in-a-day" Sling



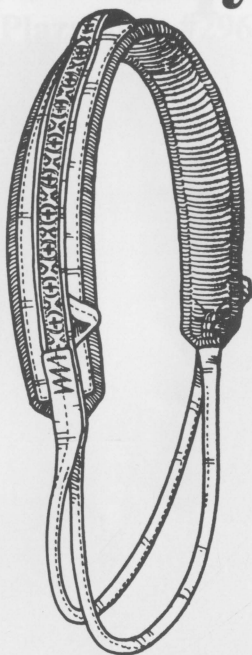
1. The gear you need not on the forward rack?



2. Bring the back rack forward...

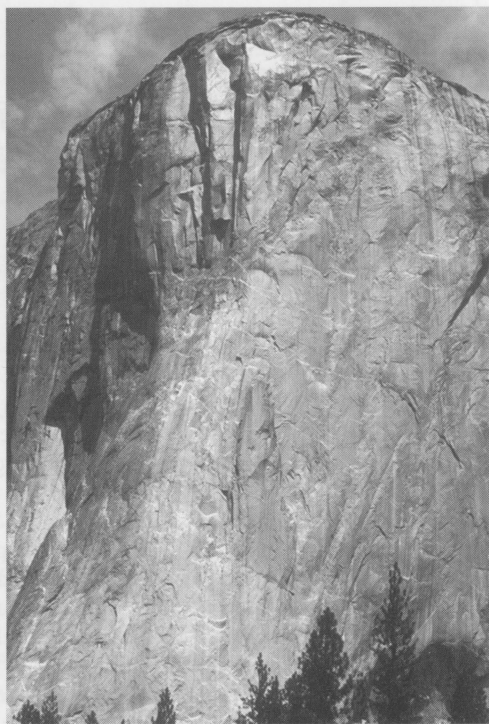


3. Presto! A new rack of gear at your fingertips!



A5 Nose-in-a-day Gear Sling ... \$26.50

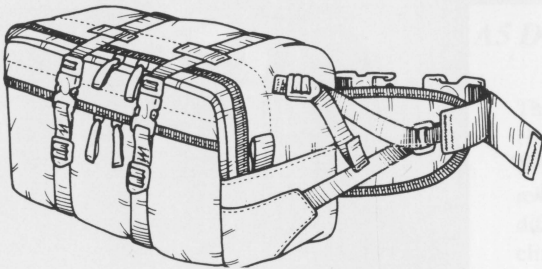
The Nose-in-a-day gear sling is one of a kind. Two different length one-inch folded web loops on the same side provide two forward locations of gear for quick and easy gear identification and selection, as well as twice the sling space to organize the rack and biners. The shoulder sling is laminated with soft pile and covered with breathable nylon mesh. Two web loops sewn into the shoulder strap allow two Nose-in-a-day gear slings to be combined into a double gear sling. Designed for routes which require a double set of cams, this gear sling is set up for adventure.



A5 Gimpsman's Pack



A5 Gimpsman's Pack..... \$79.50



A Gimps-person is someone who is always poised in readiness. At 800 cubic inches, the A5 Gimpsman's is the new standard in large fanny packs, fitting shoes, harness, water bottle, chalk bag, and other accoutrements comfortably. We designed this pack in close association with the local mountain biking team who were in need of a more durable, better carrying fanny pack than those already on the market, and since their introduction A5 Gimpsman's packs have become the standard for active outdoors folks. The unique A5 full compression system hugs any size load close to the center of gravity for a contoured fit and unhindered profile that is essential for activities like jumping down talus slopes and fierce single-tracking. Features durable Cordura construction, anatomically designed and pile padded waist belt, roomy 12-pack size main compartment and outer zipped pocket. Compression system is comprised of a single pull "Z" pulley system on both sides, and two vertical compression straps around the outside, which detach for full top and bottom lashing capability. Multi-colored designs.



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A5 Dealers

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A5 products are made only in Flagstaff, Arizona. Accept no substitutes. Find out more by calling 602-779-5084.

Prices subject to change without notice.

Alaska

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Aspen Sports (Flagstaff)
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Marmot Mountain Works (Kentfield)
Nomad Ventures (Escondido)
Nomad Ventures (Carlsbad)
Nomad Ventures (Idyllwild)
Nomad Ventures (Joshua Tree)
The North Face (Berkeley)
The North Face (San Francisco)

Sport Chalet (La Canada)

Sunrise Mountaineering (Livermore)
Sunrise Mountaineering (Walnut Creek)
Tuttle Outdoor Equipment (Merced)
Western Mountaineering (San Jose)
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Colorado

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Olympic Sports (Telluride)
Summit Canyon (Glenwood Springs)
Telluride Mountaineer

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Desert Rock Sports (Las Vegas)

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S,M,L, or XL \$18.00

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Oregon Mountain Community (Portland)

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IME (North Conway, NH)
Campmor (Paramus, NJ)
Rock and Snow (New Paltz, NY)
Black Dome (Asheville, NC)
High Country Outfitters (GA)
Mountain Ventures (GA)
Hills and Trails (Winston Salem, NC)

Canada

Mountain Equipment Co-op

Mexico

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OVERSEAS

Australia: Trango Mountain Products
Switzerland: Bugaboo Sport (Fribourg)
Germany: Outdoor Unlimited (Gunningen)
United Kingdom: Outside (Sheffield)
Sweden: Naturens Rop (Stockholm)
Norway: Stibolt Norge Ski As
Japan: Lost Arrow

New A5 Products

The Strato-lounger is a completely adjustable reclining chair which hangs from a single point. Excellent for those hanging belays or anytime for extensive hanging on the vertical. Weighs only 2 pounds and fits in a stuff sack 14" high and 3" in diameter. The A5 Strato-lounger is equipped with two spreader bars, comes with a headrest and a detachable footbag (which doubles as a rope bucket) for full horizontal reclining.

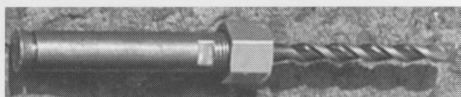


A5 Strato-Lounger \$125.00



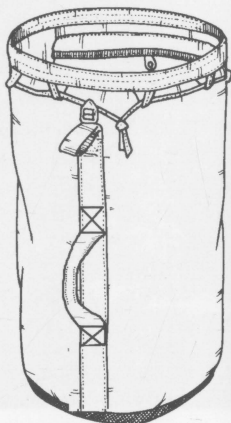
A5 Big Wall Mitts \$75.00

Pile liners, waterproof ballistics construction, triple stitched fully taped seams, and clip-in loops. S,M, or L.

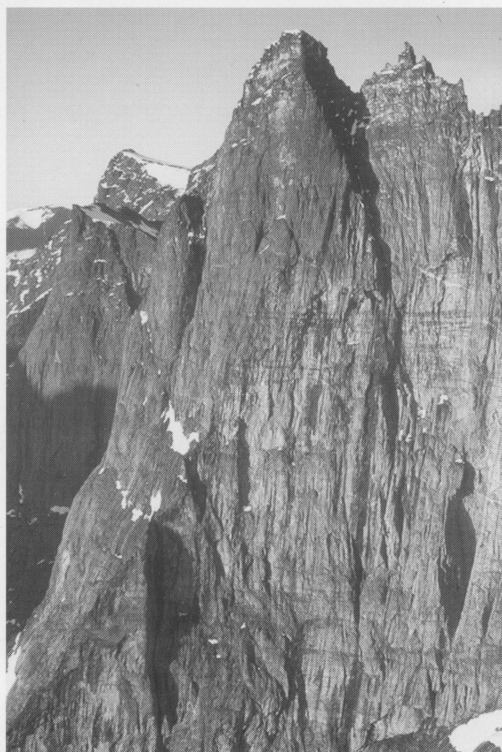


Soon Available! Hurricane Rock Drill Holder with adjustable collet system allowing use of standard SDS and round shanked drill bits from 1/4" to 25/64" (oversize 3/8").

The A5 Cavepack has a narrow snag-free profile, holds approximately 2500 cubic inches, and is made from our tough vinyl coated fabric. Features A5 tuck away padded shoulder straps, removable waist belt, 3 point hauling suspension, dry-bag ballistics closure system, outside carrying handle, and internal pocket.



A5 Cavepack \$125.00



The mighty Troll Wall in Norway
Photo by Aslak Aastorp

A5 Rope Bucket



A5 Rope Bucket... \$30.00

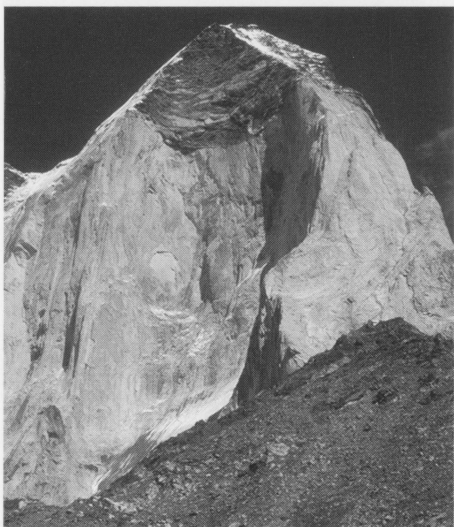
The original Rope Bucket™. The A5 rope bucket is a rock climbing tool for multi-pitch routes. Packcloth construction and drawstring closure protects your rope from dirt and UV. On the rock, the rope bucket hangs from a two point suspension. The main compartment unzips and the expandable bellows folds open to form a bucket. Forget about rope nightmares at hanging stances: just stack the rope in the bucket for an easy feed and organized belay. Holds two 9mm ropes or one 11mm rope comfortably. Random colors.



A5 Mashheads

Mashheads are specialty big-wall items for mashing into shallow grooves and pockets for aid placements. A5 Mashheads are made from steel aircraft cable and genuine Nicopress sleeves.

Size	Min.Diam.	Mash Material	Cable strength	Price
#1	0.180"	Copper	480 lbs.	\$2.00
#2	0.250"	Copper	920 lbs.	\$2.00
#3	0.350"	Aluminum	1700 lbs.	\$2.50
#4	0.380"	Aluminum	2600 lbs.	\$2.50
#5	0.475"	Aluminum	2600 lbs.	\$3.00



Left: The West Face of Bhagirathi III in India

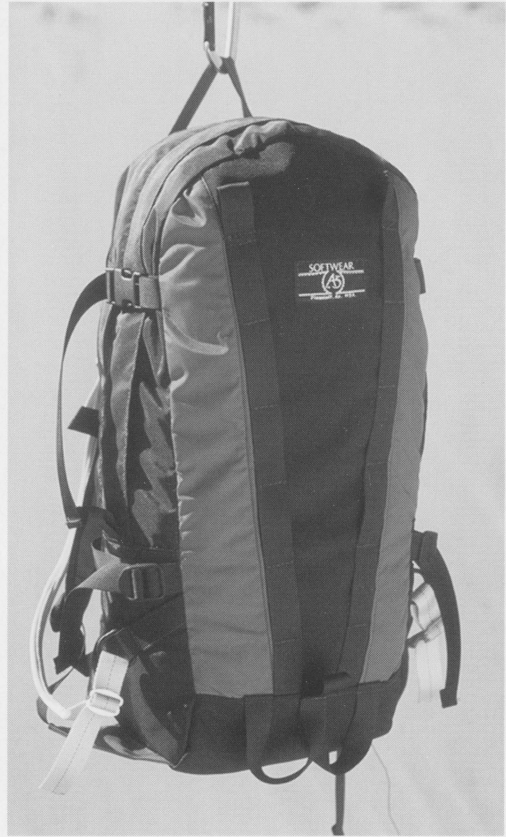
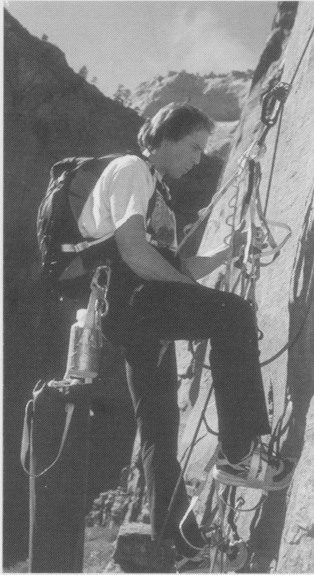
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The Trango Towers, Pakistan

Photo by Mugs Stump

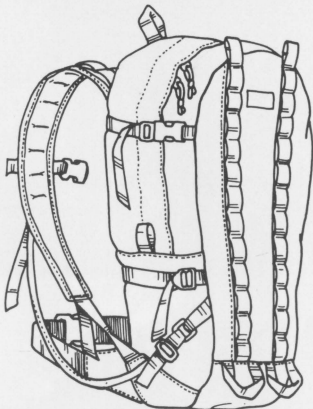
A5 Alpine Pack



A5 Alpine Pack... \$128.50

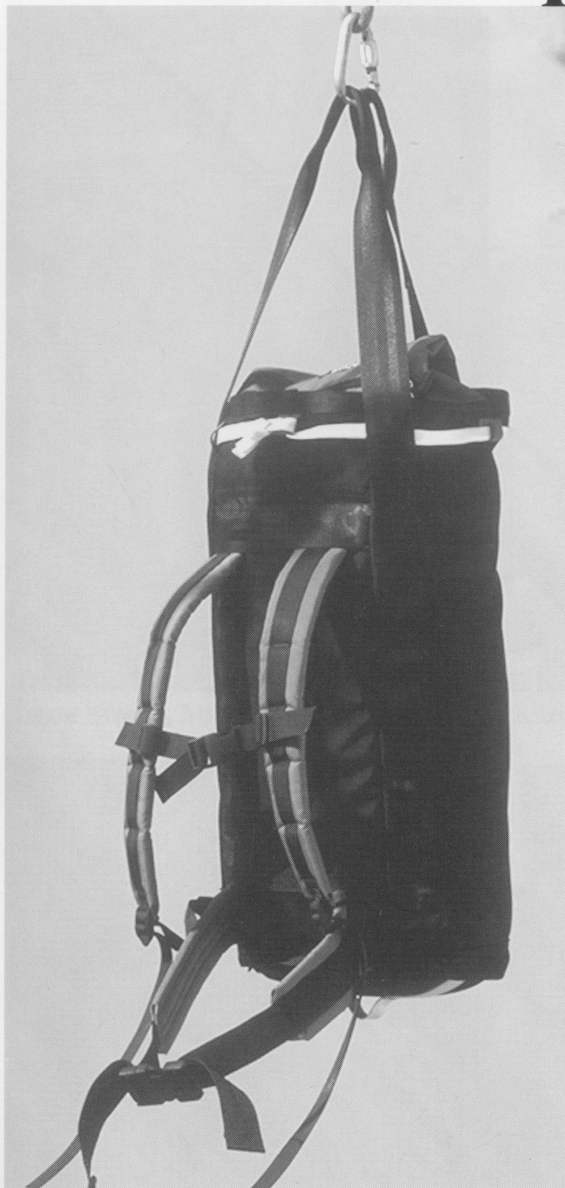


Loops for racking gear



The A5 Alpine Pack is often copied, but never equaled. It's slim profile, curved shoulder straps, and anatomical reverse teardrop shape allows for full comfort, freedom of movement, and balance. The A5 wing system attached to the suspension cradles and equalizes the pack, centering the load for optimum balance, while the teardrop shape allows for full movement of the upper torso. Features full side compressibility, inside zippered pocket, tough ballistics and packcloth construction, taped seams, ice-axe loops, and removable gear slings for racking gear. This lightweight, durable pack is ideal for full day alpine climbs. Tri-color design. 1900 cubic inch capacity, 21 ounces.

Meet **A5 Astropack**



A5 Astropack \$128.50

The Astropack is for the climber who wants both a comfortable pack to carry on long approaches and a haulable pack for multi-pitch routes. Imagine you're heading up the West Face of El Cap, poised to cruise 1500 feet of vertical stone. All your gear is loaded in the Astropack. At the base, simply tuck in the shoulder straps, pack away the waist belt, and you've got yourself a streamlined haulbag ready to haul. At the summit, pull out the shoulder straps and attach the waist belt for a comfortable descent. Whether you're climbing El Capitan, Astroman, the Diamond, or any other long day route, this pack is for you. The Astropack features ballistics nylon construction, an inside pocket which doubles as a lid in the carrying mode, and protective scuff guards for the shoulder straps and bottom seam. Volume: 2350 cubic inches. Weight: 2 lbs.

A5 gear in action



Jo Whitford on the Shield

Photo by Will Oxx



Rick Lovelace on Issac

Photo by Paul Gagner



Mugs Stump in Alaska

Photo by Conrad Anker

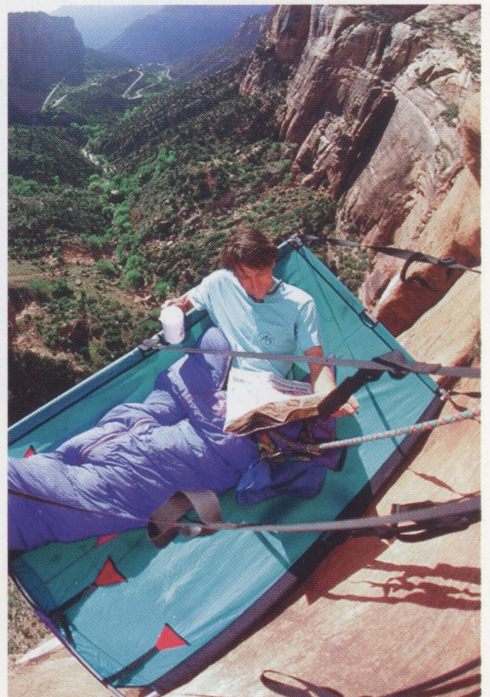
Meet the A5 folks



The A5 Crew:(Left to right): Bryan Smith, Eric Meudt, Tim Maloney, Rich Shoup, Jason Brooks, Mark Hathaway, John Govi, Karen Pendley, John Middendorf.



Custom Patagonia "Wind Fly".



JM product testing in Zion



A5 Bolt Bag \$26.50

The ultimate bolt bag, with two internal pockets for organizing bolts and hangers, and four slot pockets for extra drill bits. Black ballistics construction with drawstring closure, full strength clip-in loop and side hammer holsters.



A5 Stuffbags

Quintessential for proper organization on big walls. Made of tough packcloth, with drawstring closure and full strength clip-in loop. Random colors.

Size	Dimensions	Price
S	4" x 4" x 8"	\$6.00
M	6" x 6" x 13"	\$6.50
L	6" x 8" x 17"	\$8.50
XL	12" x 12" x 20"	\$10.50



A5 Pile Chalkbag \$20.00

The A5 chalkbag is chalkproof, all-pile design for that soft and furry look and feel. Sized for the crack climber who needs the entire hand dusted quickly for jamming. Features a leakproof ripstop closure and a lid stiffener that permanently retains its shape, even after being compressed indefinitely. Complete with belt.



A5 Buddy Bag \$21.00

A great waist pocket for odds and ends which rides unobtrusively on the hip. Features an expandable baffle pouch with two clip-in loops on the wings. Cordura and nylon packcloth construction make this a sturdy bag that will last. Random colors.

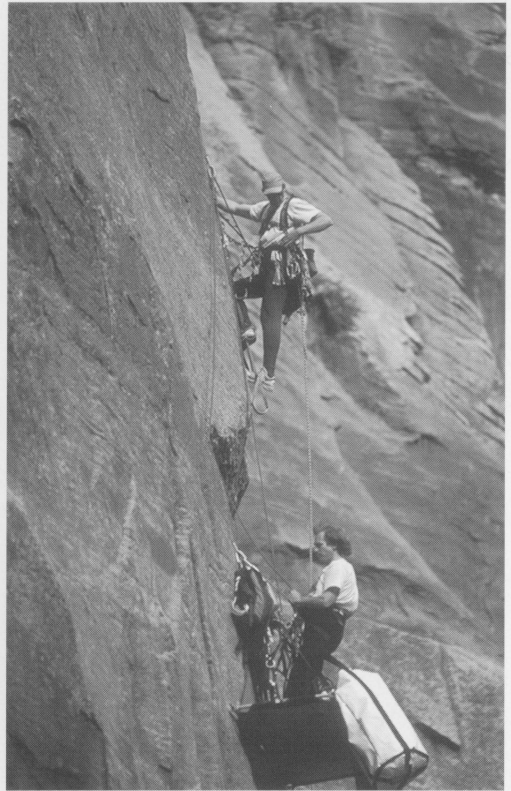
User Fees vs. Climber's Responsibility

by John Govi

Recently while climbing in Zion, I became aware of the attraction my partner and I were to the people below. At least ten different people had binoculars on us. Park rangers, who apparently knew something about climbing, were present. I could see them gesturing with their hands, obviously explaining how we climbed to the onlookers.

Attention directed toward climbers from the general public and park officials is inevitable because there are many more climbers now than there used to be. Unfortunately, the potential implications of this are user fees, and the requirement of climbers paying a fee on the premise of covering rescue costs. This is already a reality in Denali National Park.

What should we do about this new situation? Most obviously, keep the cliffs clean and never throw garbage down. Avoid crowded routes which can create a dangerous situation. Be prepared to sit out bad weather and always plan to move up or down self sufficiently. Now more than ever, we need to climb with a low impact, professional approach. Otherwise, the noble character of big wall climbing and its freedoms may be lost.



Bryan Smith and Carlos Buhler in Zion.



Beware of masked men with portaledges!

Big Wall Ten Essentials

1. Proper storm gear
2. Headlamp
3. Extra battery
4. Extra bulb
5. Cloth tape
6. Neosporin
7. Aspirin
8. Swiss Army knife
9. Rack
10. Rope

For the complete reference on big wall tips and techniques, check out How to Rock Climb: Big Walls! by John Long and John Middendorf, published by Chockstone Press.



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