



Snowmobile Ski Product Testing and Review – Winter 2012

Ski Products tested: Pilot 5.7, Pilot 6.9, SLP and C&A Pro Skis

About the Test: The testing was conducted in Sweden. For the testing, I used the same boggie and shock setups just to be able to compare them that way too. I tested all four different coupler block positions on all four skis.

Powder Test Summary:

The Pilot's 5.7 were of course terrible in the powder, you turned the skis but the sled still went straight ahead. The Pilot 6.9 were pretty much the same but at least turned after a while. The SLP skis worked quite well in the powder and turned quite good but didn't feel very stable when I was turning. The C&A's turned without any difficulties at all and did not go straight, remained nice and stable.

The flotation was also very interesting. Both the Pilot skis were like submarines and wanted to be under the snow...even the SLP skis didn't really want to 'float'. The C&A's float on the snow all the time, at low speed or high speed. I could even stop with them without going under the snow surface!

The Pilot skis were horrible to boondock with. They both were very unstable and sometimes difficult to control. The SLP skis are actually very good and easy to boondock with. They (SLP) have some tendencies to want to toss me of sometimes though! The C&A's cut down nice and easy in the snow and were very stable when you finally had your sled on the side. They (C&A) could sometime have too good of flotation when trying to get the sled on the side!

Trail Test Summary:

The Pilot's 5.7 are horrible even on the trail. There's no bite in them at all. You have to hang on the side of the handlebars where you want the sled to turn. The Pilot 6.9's had at least a bit more bite than the 5.7's and had a lot better steering effort at higher speeds than at lower speeds.

The SLP's are almost even worse than the 5.7's at the trail. The SLP skis go back and forth across the whole trail and can't decide which track they want to go in, at least at lower speeds. They handle a bit better at high speeds, but sometimes they become alive and choose to go somewhere else.

The C&A's really surprised me on the trail! They were amazing! They were completely self depending and went straight all the time without being affected by the other ski tracks. Easy to steer with and went where you wanted without causing any trouble. They worked just as great in low speeds and in high speeds. At high speed they became a little heavier to steer with but that's regular and exactly the way they should be.

Conclusion:

The C&A MTX ski is a great all around ski! The very best I'd say (giving it a #1 position). I wouldn't hesitate to buy another pair! They were great on every task and didn't disappoint me for a second. They were a lot better than I even expected them to be. I've never had this fun on the trails before.

Respectfully submitted;

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