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STEEP AND DEEP IS WHERE THESE PLAY. THE TOOLS FOR THOSE WHO STEER THEIR OWN COURSE.

FREERIDE

These are the sticks for the big boys: the ones who are up at the crack of dawn to be first in line on a powder day while the rest of us are sleeping off our hangovers. The smallest category in snowboarding, but if you dream of backcountry lines and first descents, these are the boards for you.

Nose profile

The tips of freeride snowboards are generally longer, shallower and wider than any other category to help with float in powder.

Length

Typically longer than the average length snowboard for extra float in the deep stuff and landing cliff drops.

Sidecuts

Bigger, reflecting the increased speeds that freeride boards tend to be ridden at, to reduce twitchiness at mach 10.

Default stance

Almost always set back from centre and not particularly wide. This combination gives increased float in powder and offers control at speed.

Shape

DIRECTIONAL. The nose is longer than the tail and the default stance is several inches back from centre as the board is to be ridden forwards 90% of the time.

Waist width

A wider waist for flatter binding angles. Wider waists mean more surface area, which leads to increased stability.

Stiffness

Tend to be stiffer in the mid/tail section for more spring out of turns and ultimate control in an environment where it's needed most. Softer nose section to prevent the nose diving in deeper snow.

Tail profile

Often have very small tails as freeride boards are not ridden switch as much as others. The tail of the board is often tapered in comparison to the nose. This sinks the tail of the board in more, which increases nose lift. It's also quicker edge-to-edge.