

# Wrap up well

Shannon McKenzie reports on some of the peak performers and style-conscious designs that will be seen on the slopes this winter







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**T**he temperature guage is already edging towards zero, meaning the ski season is almost upon us. Eyewear suppliers have this year catered for all tastes – both on and off the slopes – by designing pieces that are a mix of both fashion and functionality.

A touch of glamour is creeping into ski goggle designs. Adidas has released its Yodai goggles in gold, and this model boasts unrestricted lateral and peripheral vision along with anti-fog lenses.

Safilo’s Smith has launched a special Swarovski crystal-studded edition of its popular Phenom model. This design features double lenses with patented Carbonic Regulator technology, which eliminates visual distortion, making this goggle a good choice for winter sports.

Safilo’s other sports brand – Carrera – has released the X-Change goggle whose lenses can be quickly swapped to suit weather or light conditions. Fashion has not been forgotten; the model comes in a variety of striking designs, such as streaked metal, stars and stripes and reptile.

Along with some of its more traditional ski goggle styles, The North Face has developed Prophet Pro. These frames come with a three-layered shield and removable internal foam layer to protect wearers against extreme weather conditions. It also has a changeable strap option – the conventional sides can be swapped to a more secure elastic strap during periods of intense activity.

Nike’s All Conditions Gear collection includes the Haul, a wrap style frame with temples that can be adjusted to grip the sides of the head. The polycarbonate lenses are scratch and impact resistant, and the

ventilated nose bridge also helps the frames stay in place. These frames recently found favour with England rugby player Josh Lewsey (pictured, left) when he recently trekked to the base camp of K2.

For those looking for glamour off the slopes, the new C b  Archive collection oozes vintage 70s style. Among the collection are the distinctive Rallycoq red and white acetates and the gold Mamba frames – both of which are sure to grab attention. Try has introduced a new ‘weekend’ collection, featuring pieces which combine acetate with brightly coloured nylon rubber for a striking effect.

Rodenstock has again built on its popular ProAct collection, releasing two new models – one male, one female. According to the manufacturer these sports frames can be glazed without any loss in visual quality in powers from +/-4.00D. Made from a lightweight two-component material, the frames are designed to allow extra flexibility at the temples – meaning they are less likely to break.

So while high-tech eyewear solutions will make winter sports more enjoyable, eyewear with clever detailing, graphics and retro designs will be making winter sports all the more fashionable.

(Main picture) Josh Lewsey wears Nike Haul by Marchon (1) The North Face Ultra by Marcolin (2) Try Mod TS 416 (3) Alpina Swing 60 by Norville (4) Smith Phenom by Safilo (5) Carrera Sphinx by Safilo (6) ProAct by Rodenstock (7) Alpina Powder by Norville (8) C b  Rallycoq by Marcolin (9) The North Face Prophet Pro by Marcolin (10) Yodai by Adidas (11) Carrera X-change by Safilo



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