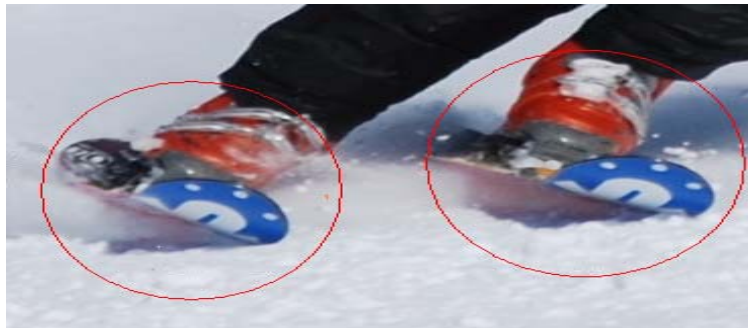


Tip your powder boards over!

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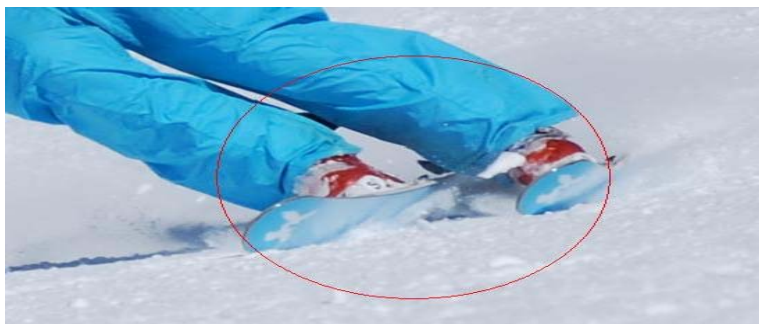
Are you skiing a “Powder” ski in everyday conditions? These days a wide powder ski is as much of a status symbol as it is a tool for a specific job. More and more skiers are discovering the benefits of these wider skis for powder and crud snow. By wider skis I mean skis that are greater than 90 mm under foot. However using these skis in everyday conditions and within resort requires a few extra skills. Here the skiers correctly tip both skis onto their edges. This is great skiing especially because the skier is wearing a backcountry boot which even requires more precise movements.



Below the skier is not tipping the skis on edge and is effectively standing on a flat inside ski.



If you are going to ski on these wider skis, you have to learn to commit to your edges and tip further than you thought. If you do the result will be a stable carving ski, if you don't the result will be a skidding scrapping platter! Below the skier tips both skis over on the groomed snow and they arc!



More often than not “resort” skiers on these wide skis rarely tip them over enough for control. Thus they are flat wide surface. This is good for deep snow but on groomed slope the ski is not performing.



Below you can see the ski flex which is a direct result of the edge angle.



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