



The position of the binding on the ski is very important. There are multiple ways to locate the proper position, experience helps. Skis with screw inserts, like the old K2 Telemark skis, was by far the easiest way to mount your bindings. I keep multiple pairs of these skis around to test and build bindings.

The most straight forward method, these days, to find the seat spot, is to mount your bindings with center line of the skis on the center point of your ski boots (blue arrows on photo below). There is ongoing debate whether to mount + or - from the center point depending on the characteristics of the ski. On-line forums can help you decide.

I generally like to compare my new mounts carefully to other skis that I have mounted with similar characteristics to decide if I am in the ball park. I will often mark the mounting holes in the skis with a pen, and then put them aside for a while and come back to them later, and recheck if this is the position that I want.

I generally start with 4 holes only, and attach the binding to the ski with the initial 4 holes. Then I double check, and take the ski s out for a trial run to see how they feel. A couple centimeters can make a huge difference in how a ski carves and performs.

If I want to move the bindings forward or back, I redrill the ski exactly the distance between the rear mounting holes (1.5cm) forward or back so that I can use two of the existing holes in the skis. I plug the old holes carefully so that water does not get into the core of the ski. Most of my skis have multiple mounting positions since I like to tweak things out...

A standard 4 hole G3 or Black Diamond jig helps a lot for this work so you can get the holes exactly centered on the ski.

Mounting new skis is one of those undertakings that takes time and meticulousness. But when you hit it right, puts the ear to ear grin on your face. The new factory edge helps too...

Cheers

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