



A ski brake adds complexity and weight to a touring binding. Over the years I have found that it is not worth the extra weight and hassle if the skis are used primarily for touring. The standard assembly with the SPIKE tour therefore does not include a ski brake. If you use the bindings primarily for lift service skiing and want the capability to do an occasional tour with free pivot, there is a ['removable touring parts'](#) option on the SPIKE XT binding. All of the SPIKE binding have capability to convert to free pivot touring with these few extra simple parts.

If you feel that a ski brake would greatly enhance your touring binding, then send me a note, we can discuss how you plan to use the bindings, and I can do a build with a ski brake. The binding will be built with a pivoting ski brake actuator and a boot activated ski brake (instead of the fixed metal plate). It will be important that you follow mounting instructions very carefully and spend a little time learning [how to engage the touring mode with a ski brake](#). I will tack on an extra \$50 to do this...

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