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Road Test

Featuring: The Kode 22

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Initial impressions on the Kode 22 by Osprey It's hot. Hot enough to fry eggs on the road. I'm at home playing with a mountain pack. A brand new Osprey Kode 22. It must be summer in Oz...When you grow up skiing in the Southern Hemisphere, you get used to traveling for snow. This year we'll return to the relentless dumps of north island Japan. While we used to score endless turns inbound, each season we're having to walk a little further, as the growing crowds discover our stashes. Enter the Kode 22.

Stoked about:

- * Great finish: Top shelf trekking brands rarely cut corners on finish. From the glove friendly componentry (a highlight), to solid construction, fabrics and coatings, it's all sorted.
- * Sophisticated pattern work: The Osprey pattern-work works. It's sophisticated and purposeful.
- * Good weight: PU lined Nylon makes sense for mountain packs. Light but with just enough water-resistance for the snow. With little foam structure, it packs tight for luggage space, then opens up for use.
- * Size options: Once again, the top shelf trekking brands really distinguish themselves here.
- * Big waist strap pockets: Good for a small camera, food and quick access tidbits.
- * Versatile carry: I ski, telemark, and snowboard (not all at the same time...), depending on the conditions. There are very few carry systems that work well for all those, but on initial impressions, this one is looking the goods (the snowboard carry is the least sorted, but still OK).
- * No big mistakes: While this can sound like damning praise, it's not meant to be. Having worked in brands where time and cost can compromise a product, I'm continually impressed by how few mistakes a brand like Osprey makes. Everything I can think to check for is there, and none of the regular mistakes that mountain packs make are present.

