



Waxing – The Quick & Easy Way

Whatcha Need

1	Old or cheap iron (cost: \$10-\$15) (won't want to use the iron for clothes again)
2	Supply of wax (cost: \$3-\$7, more if "racing") (universal wax or "racing" wax, your choice)
3	Base cleaner for skis (cost: \$15 for a bottle) (aerosol or pump versions available)
4	Plastic scraper (or a car's ice scraper, or a credit card in a pinch)
5	Old newspaper or drop cloth (to cover floor if waxing indoors)
6	Two or more rubber bands (wide rubber bands preferred)
7	One or two clean rags

Used by some alternatives: assorted brushes (brass, natural bristle, nylon/bathtub) and scotch bright pads. Wax/speed additives (such as F4, Cera-F, or Zardoz) are sometimes applied after scraping/brushing.

Whatcha Do

1	Remove Old Wax / Clean Base
2	Apply New Wax
3	Wait 30 minutes for wax to dry
4	Scrape (& Brush)



Step 1: Remove Old Wax / Clean Base

Method used by Mark

Dry off skis using clean rag (esp. if just back from the slopes)
Use one rubber band per ski to hold ski brakes up & away from base
Apply a citrus base cleaner to whole base
Wait until the wax softens
Wipe off with a clean rag
(Spray & wipe again if necessary)
then wait for all traces of cleaner to dry off

Other Alternatives

Use a brass brush to brush off old wax
And/or apply a cheap wax, then scrape off while still warm, then brush
Or just do nothing (if the skis are mostly clean)

Step 2: Apply New Wax

Method used by Mark

Heat iron to low to medium-low temperature
Drip on desired wax in middle of ski (in small dots, 1-3 inches apart)
Iron in wax using up and back strokes (never sideways)
until base is slightly warm
Run iron one last time from tip to tail

Other Alternatives

Rub on wax (like a crayon) and optionally iron in
Or Run two lines of wax on each edge of ski, and then iron it in

Step 3: Wait for the wax to dry (30 minutes minimum)

Method used by Mark

Yawn! Go out to sleep, scrape in the morning

Other Alternatives

Drink a beer (ok, maybe two)
And/or go to dinner

Step 4: Scrape (& Brush)

Always scrape and brush from tip to tail

Method used by Mark

Run plastic scraper aggressively from tip to tail about 3 times

Other Alternatives

Run plastic scraper aggressively from tip to tail about 3 times
Aggressively brush several times using nylon or natural bristle brush
(to adds structure to the wax)
(a bathtub brush works a nylon brush replacement)
Run a scotch bright pad tip to tail
Then brush with a horsehair brush