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# SNOWBOARD BUYER'S GUIDE

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# #01

# SNOWBOARD CATEGORIES

## All-Mountain

A jack-of-all-trades, these boards are perfect for the varied European terrain, offering versatility for beginners to advanced riders.

## Freestyle

Ideal for those who love the adrenaline of snow parks and urban riding. These boards are lightweight, flexible, and ready for tricks and jumps.

## Freeride

For the adventurers who crave off-piste and deep snow experiences, these boards offer stability and performance in untouched snow.

## Powder

Specialized boards for deep powder days, providing the float and responsiveness needed in heavy snow conditions.

## Splitboard

The ultimate choice for backcountry enthusiasts looking to explore beyond the boundaries with boards that double as uphill skis.

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# SKILL LEVEL #02

## Beginner

We recommend **softer**, more forgiving boards to make learning easier and more enjoyable.

## Intermediate

As your skills progress, a board that offers a bit more **stability and speed** might be in order.

## Advanced

Look for **high-performance** boards tailored to your preferred riding style, whether it's speed, precision, or airtime.

# SIZE #03 MATTERS

## Length

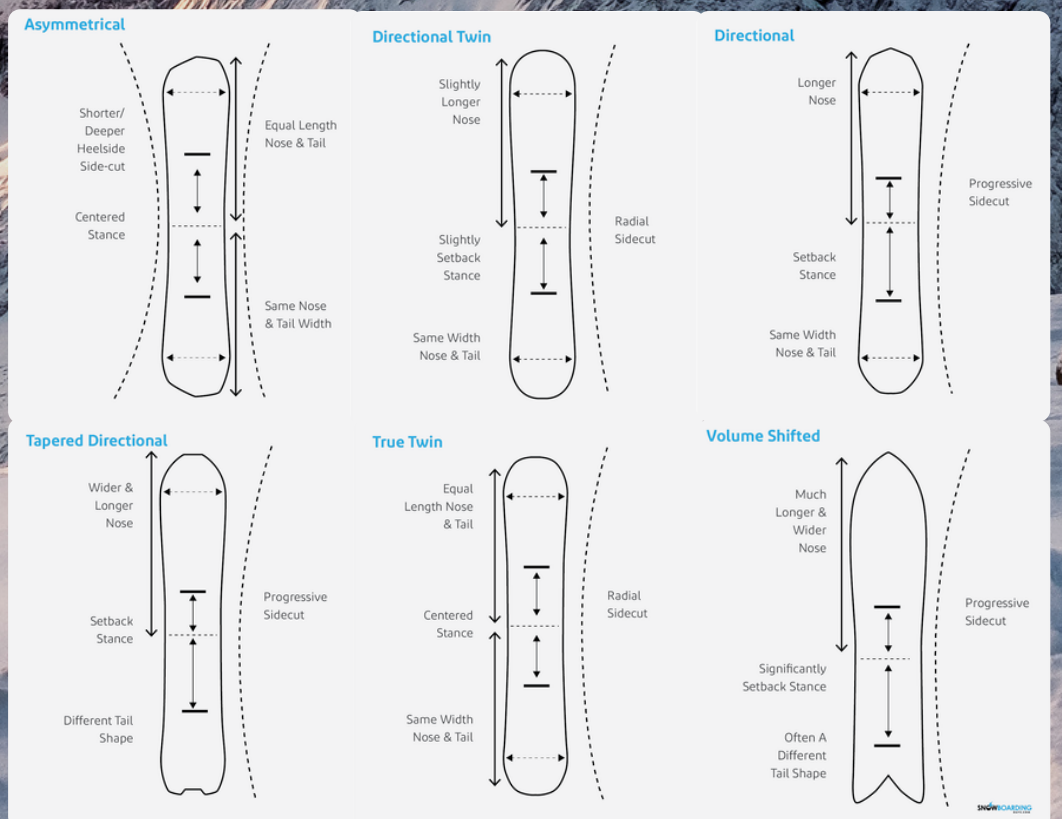
The right board should reach somewhere between your chin and nose, with adjustments based on weight and riding style.

## Weight

Ensure the board is wide enough to prevent your boots from dragging, yet narrow enough for easy edge-to-edge transitions.

## Shape

From directional for speed and precision to twin for park and freestyle, the shape should match your main riding style.



# #04

# FLEX

## Soft Flex

Great for beginners and park riders, offering easier maneuverability.

## Medium Flex

The best all-rounder, providing a balance between flexibility and stability.

## Stiff Flex

Ideal for high-speed and off-piste riding, offering maximum control and responsiveness.

## Flex Rate

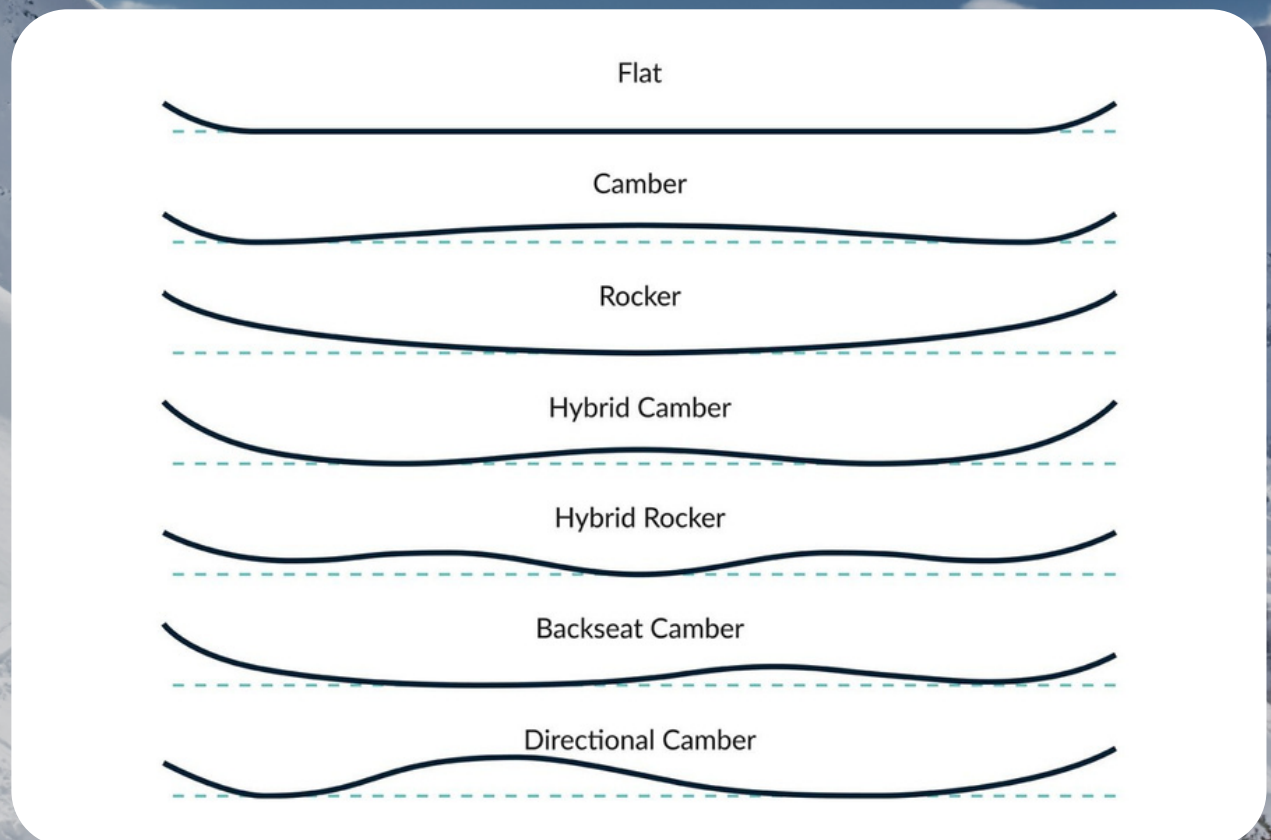
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# #05

## FLAT, CAMBER OR ROCKER

FLAT	CAMBER	ROCKER	HYBRID
Flat boards perform well in the park, on groomers, and in variable snow conditions.	Offers edge hold and pop, perfect for carving and park riding.	More forgiving, with better float in powder, suitable for beginners and those who enjoy a playful ride.	Combines the best of both, for versatility in all conditions.



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# BINDINGS



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# #06

# TYPES

## Strap Bindings

The most common type, offering a balance of comfort, adjustability, and response. Suitable for most riders.

## Rear Entry Bindings

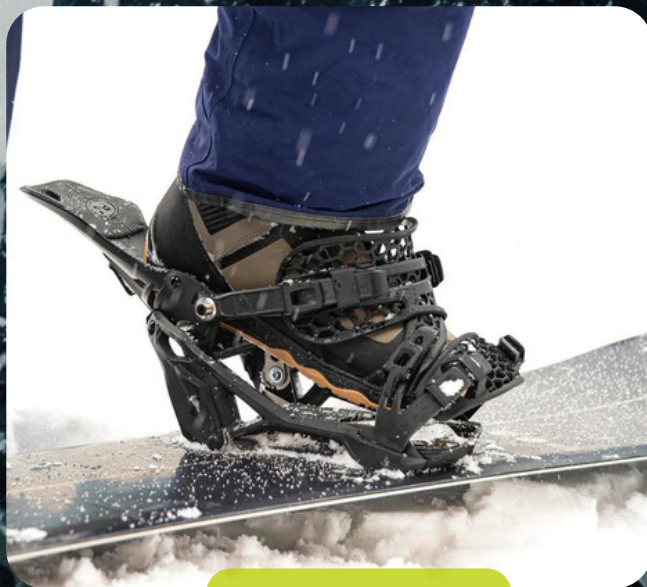
Feature a hinged highback allowing for quick entry and exit, ideal for riders who prioritize convenience.

## Step-On Bindings

Offer the fastest entry system and require compatible boots. Perfect for riders looking for convenience without compromising on performance.



Strap Bindings



Rear Entry



Step-On

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# COMPATIBILITY #07

## Mounting System

Ensure the bindings are compatible with your snowboard's mounting system. Common systems include 4x4, 2x4, The Channel (Burton), and others.

## Board Type

Freestyle boards often pair well with softer, more flexible bindings, while all-mountain and freeride boards might require stiffer, more responsive bindings.



Universal Disc



4 Screw Disc

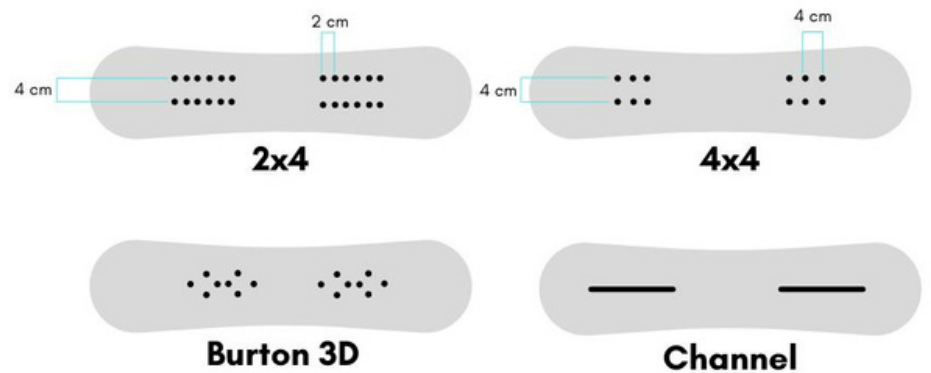


Burton EST



Burton 3D Baseplate

## Snowboard Mounting Options



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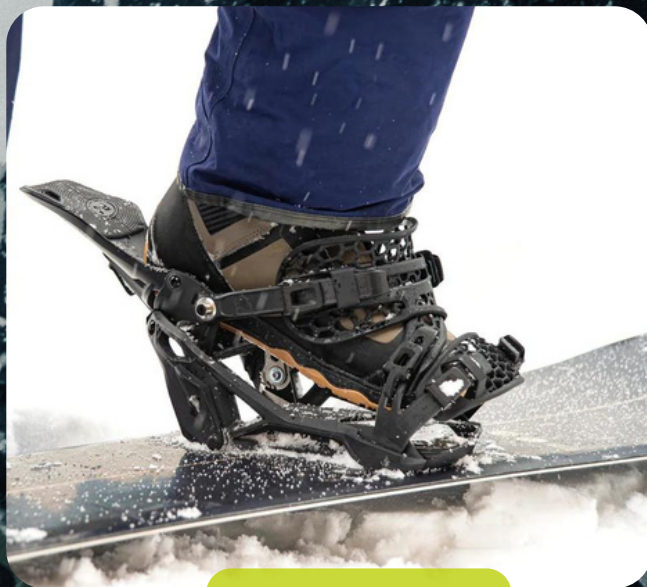
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# #09

## BINDINGS 4 YOU

### Freestyle

Look for flexible, forgiving bindings that allow for easy maneuvering and tricks.

### All-Mountain

Opt for versatile bindings with a balance of responsiveness and comfort for varied terrains.

### Freeride/ Backcountry

Choose stiffer bindings that provide maximum control and stability for challenging terrains and higher speeds.

## Flex Rate

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BOOTS

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# #10

# FLEX

## Soft Flex

Ideal for beginners and freestyle riders who prefer a more forgiving boot that's comfortable for all-day wear and allows for easier maneuverability.

## Medium Flex

Offers a balance between flexibility and support, suitable for all-mountain riders who explore various terrains.

## Stiff Flex

Best for advanced riders who demand precise control and support for high-speed, technical riding in challenging terrains.



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## FIT & COMFORT

Sizing	Lacing System	Liner Types
<p>Snowboard boots should fit snugly without causing pressure points. Remember, they will pack out and become slightly larger with use.</p>	<p>Traditional laces offer custom tightness but can be challenging to adjust on the fly. Boa systems provide quick and easy adjustments with a dial, while speed lacing systems offer a middle ground between the two.</p>	<p>Consider boots with heat-moldable liners for a custom fit. Non-moldable liners will break in over time but may not offer the same level of personalized comfort.</p>



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