

We have temporarily discontinued production of Elf Boots and Methedras Shells in order to incorporate some major advances from the outdoor fabric industry.

This fall the Elf Boot will be constructed of the most sophisticated recreational fabrics available. In place of the uncoated oxford upper will be the revolutionary new Gore-Tex, a micro-porous polymeric film of polytetrafluoroethylene laminated between an outer layer of nylon oxford and an inner layer of nylon tricot. This fabric is completely waterproof, yet allows water vapor to pass freely to the outside of the garment, a scientific achievement which has been the object of researchers for over 100 years! Now Gore-Tex allows us to construct a totally waterproof Elf Boot that will not sweat!

But Elf Boot advances have not stopped here. The foot section of the new Elf Boot will be a very high quality vinyl coated polyester fabric which is much stronger and abrasion resistant than ballistics nylon. The coating of this fabric is bonded on both sides not just mechanically, but chemically as well. This means that the fabric is totally waterproof and will provide much longer wear. It will not fray around the pin binding holes.

A leather reinforced heel rounds out the new features on this fall's Elf Boot, the ultimate in ski-touring foot comfort!

The new Elf Boots will be available by December 6. Colors will be dark blue in the foot section with a burgandy top.

The new Methedras Shell will also incorporate innovative materials new to the mountaineering community.

The uncoated nylon oxford on the back of the Methedras Shell will also be replaced with the Gore-Tex laminate used in the Elf Boot. As in the Elf Boot, this combination creates a completely waterproof mitten shell that will not sweat--a great advantage for touring in marginal weather or for those wet alpine climbs!

For the same purpose we have replaced the leather on the palms and thumb of our mitten shell with a dense neoprene rubber. Other than providing a fantastic grip, the neoprene is waterproof, abrasion resistant, and offers much better insulation. Together these new features advance the state of the art in mitten shells!

The Methedras Shell will again be available by December 6. Color combination will be Navy and Burgandy.