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FLYLOW CHEMICAL PANT | BEST IN TEST

Designed by a small Colorado crew of hardcore skiers, the Chemical pant is fully waterproof and generously cut. Large outer-leg and smaller inner-leg vents provide nice cross-flow venting. **PLUS:** Cordura reinforcements on knees and cuffs make these built to last. **MINUS:** Those same knee patches tend to absorb water. [\$275; flylowgear.com]

WESTCOMB CHIEF HX BIB

With eVent hardshell patches in the knees and butt and stretchy Polartec softshell elsewhere, Westcomb's Chief HX deflects water, breathes, and provides the unhindered movement that pure hardshells don't. **PLUS:** Two handwarmer pockets are nice when you're standing around. **MINUS:** The lack of leg vents means sweaty legs during ascents, despite hyperbreathable eVent fabric. [\$339; westcomb.com]



**THE NORTH FACE
FREE THINKER**

This tough, proven design—made from Gore-Tex's waterproof-breathable Performance Shell 3L Enduro nylon—is perfect for season-long abuse. Hold 'em up with either a belt or the removable suspenders. **PLUS:** Zippered rear flap for easy bathroom breaks. **MINUS:** There's a noticeable lack of breathability in these overbuilt pants during long tours. [\$400; thenorthface.com]



**WOMEN'S:
REI KULSHAN PANT**

The eVent fabric (used also in Westcomb's pant, above) is light, waterproof, and very breathable. Three large pockets swallow your goodies, while scuff guards and adjustable gaiters toughen the cuffs. **PLUS:** Full-length leg zips make venting and squatting easy. **MINUS:** Open the leg vents from the top and the pants will fall off if you aren't wearing a belt. [\$229; rei.com]

