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Latest snow report

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Until recently, most of this season's snow has come from the west or north-west, benefiting the northern French and western Swiss Alps most. This weekend, however, it came from the north, with the heaviest falls favouring the central-northern and north-eastern Alps.

Most of the northern Alps have a thick layer of new snow, but the greatest falls have been in the north-eastern Swiss Alps (e.g. **Amden**), and the northern and western Austrian Alps (e.g. **Warth-Schröcken**) where nearly one metre of new snow has fallen in places since Friday. The southern Alps have again missed most of the action, with little or no new snow in recent days.

So snow conditions are superb across the northern half of the Alps, even if great care is still required off-piste. On the southern side of the Alps, snow cover remains (with one or two exceptions) very thin, but on-piste at least there is still some very enjoyable skiing to be had, helped by the current low temperatures. This cold spell has now reached its peak and it should slowly turn milder over the next few days.

Across the pond, many resorts have also seen new snow, and conditions are generally excellent.

Austria

Snow conditions are now excellent across much of Austria, especially in the north and west where **Lech** now has 125/145cm of settled snow depending on altitude, and **Saalbach** has 65/135cm.

The far south has seen little if any new snow, but at least the snow cannons are operating at full throttle, so there is still plenty of fun to be had on-piste in the likes of **Nassfeld** (10/50cm).



Perfect pistes today in the Austrian Ski Welt region.

France

Snow conditions are generally excellent across the northern French Alps, both high up and lower down. **La Clusaz** now has a very respectable base of 60/200cm depending on altitude, while **La Rosière** boasts 115/220cm.

What's more, cold temperatures mean that the snow is cold and powdery in consistency all the way down to the valley bottoms. Be careful off-piste, however, as the snow-pack remains highly unstable.

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Snow cover is thinner in the southern Alps, especially in the far south, where **Isola 2000** (45cm mid-mountain base) is still heavily reliant on the artificial base it laid down earlier in the season.



Excellent snow conditions in the Portes du Soleil. This is Avoriaz - Photo: avoriaz.com

Italy

The best snow conditions remain in the north-west, where resorts such as **Cervinia** (65/180cm) and **Courmayeur** (110/180cm) have seen lots of new snow over the last week.

Further south and east, snowfalls have been more erratic and snow cover remains thin. That said, there is still some excellent piste skiing on offer in both **Sestriere** (30/40cm) and **Selva** (20/30cm), thanks in part to the current low temperatures.



Snow cover is still on the thin side in Livigno, on the southern side of the Alps - Photo: valtime.it

Switzerland

Most Swiss resorts have seen fresh snow over the last few days, heaviest in the north where **Engelberg** (80/310cm) and **Mürren** (65/180cm) are in fantastic shape right now.

The thinnest snow cover (relative to altitude) is in the far south-east. Here **St Moritz** has upper base depths of just 35cm but, on-piste at least, is still skiing ok thanks to the cold temperatures and high quality snow-making.



Rest of Europe

All five Scottish ski areas are open with reasonable snow cover, after a slow start the season. Best of all perhaps is **Glenshee** (25/45cm), but good skiing can also be found out west at **Nevis Range** (20/35cm).

The Pyrenees have seen bits and pieces of snow over the last few days, but nothing like the levels witnessed in some parts of the Alps. **Arcalis** (30/80cm) is probably the pick of the Andorran resorts, while, in Spain, **Baqueira Beret** is also in reasonable rather than outstanding shape with 40/85cm.

USA

It's been snowing again in many western US resorts after a relatively quiet start to the year.

Jackson Hole (121/180cm) in Wyoming is doing particularly well, with around 50cm of new snow in the last 48 hours alone.

Over in Colorado, **Vail** (101cm mid-mountain base) has also had a top-up, with plenty more snow in the forecast.

Canada

Whistler (164cm mid-mountain) remains in excellent shape with further snow over the weekend and lots more in the forecast this week.

It's also snowing inland, with powdery snow conditions reported in both **Fernie** (174cm mid-mountain base) and **Sun Peaks** (137/153cm).



Good snow cover in Nakiska near Calgary - Photo: ski nakiska.com

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