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Snow conditions have been improving across most but not all parts of the Alps this week following a succession of Atlantic storms.

The areas that have done best are at altitude in the western and southern Alps, including the likes of Avoriaz, Flaine Chamonix, Val d'Isère, La Thuile, Madesimo, Bormio and Passo Tonale (to name just a few examples), where 50-90cm of snow has fallen above 1800m over the last few days. It has never been particularly cold, however, with some rain also falling lower down.

In short, snow conditions are very good at altitude right now in the Alps, but highly variable still lower down.

Across the pond, snow conditions remain generally superior to those in the Alps, especially in the western US...

Austria

The best conditions in Austria are at altitude in the west, where most snow has fallen in recent days. This area includes **Lech** (90/160cm) and **St Anton** (60/170cm), where over 50cm has fallen in the last couple of days.

Most other Austrian ski resorts have also seen snow but it has never been particularly cold, with rain also in the mix lower down. **Kitzbühel**, for example, claims 66/94cm depending on altitude and still offers some excellent piste-skiing but in reality the natural cover is patchy close to resort level.



Great snow cover at altitude in the Austrian Bregenzerwald. This is Damüls – 2 March 2017 – Photo: damuels.at

France

Most French ski resorts have seen significant fresh snow this week – with 80cm or more at altitude in the likes of **Avoriaz** (110/160cm), **Flaine** (85/260cm) and **Chamonix** (20/250cm).

Generally speaking, snow conditions are excellent, but it has remained relatively mild this week at low altitudes, where snow cover remains quite thin.

Take care off-piste as new snow and high winds have combined to make the avalanche risk quite high.

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Fabulous snow conditions in Val Thorens today – 2 March 2017 – Photo: valthorens.com

Italy

All Italian ski resorts have seen some snow in recent days which has improved conditions, especially at altitude.

The biggest snowfalls have in the central Italian Alps, as well as the far north-west, where **Bormio** (30/95cm), **Madesimo** (70/150cm) and **La Thuile** (55/200cm) have all seen well in excess of 50cm above 2000m.

The Dolomites have had a very lean season until recently, but have now seen significant fresh, with around 30cm in both **Cortina** (20/50cm) and **Arabba** (45/75cm), for example.



Lots of new snow this week in Livigno – 2 March 2017 – Photo: valtline.it

Switzerland

All Swiss resorts have seen some new snow in recent days, heaviest at altitude in the west. **Crans Montana** (15/210cm) has seen nearly 50cm above 1800m in the last couple of days, as has **Verbier** (30/190cm).

Lower down there has also been some rain but, generally speaking, there is plenty of good skiing around. Further east, **Davos** has base depths of 52/135cm depending on altitude, while **St Moritz** has 41/100cm.



Great pistes in Scuol – 2 March 2017 – Photo: scuol.ch

Rest of Europe

Most Pyrenean resorts have plenty of snow right now, but the quality is variable due to mild temperatures. Andorra's **Pas de La Casa** has 100/150cm depending on altitude, while Spain's **Baqueira Beret** has 130/220cm.

Bulgaria's long snow drought continues but there is plenty of snow still on the pistes of **Bansko** (70/150cm).

Conditions in Norway have been improving recently, with fresh snow in **Hemsedal** (45cm mid-mountain base).

Scottish resorts continue to struggle, however, with only limited skiing available, the best of which is at **Nevis Range** (15/25cm).



Decent cover but very mild temperatures in the Pyrenees. This is Grand Tourmalet – 2 March 2017 – Photo: grand-tourmalet.com

USA

Snow conditions in the western US continue to impress. Wyoming's **Jackson Hole** has seen 54cm of fresh in the last seven days with lots more to come over the next few days.

Utah is also doing particularly well at the moment, with mid-mountain base depths of 356cm in **Alta** and further snow forecast on Sunday.



Excellent snow conditions in Jackson Hole – 2 March 2017 – Photo: jacksonhole.com

Canada

It's snowing again in **Whistler** (250cm upper base) and will continue to do so on and off for the next week or so. The snow has been wet at times close to resort level but it will turn colder over the weekend.

There has also been snow further inland, with 20cm today in Revelstoke where the mid-mountain base is now 234cm deep.

**Next full snow report will be on Monday 6 March 2017,
but see [Today in the Alps](#) for regular updates**