

Salutations from Black Diamond,

A week earlier than last year's deadline, we are requesting images for our upcoming Ice Climbing - Winter 2008 and Freeride Ski - 2008-09 catalogs by March 7, 2008. With the same page dimensions as the Fall 2007 catalogs, 7.31" x 9.75" (18.57 cm x 24.76 cm), both catalogs will use a portrait format. In the Winter 2007 catalogs, we want to again emphasize BD gear in use all over the world as well as utilize photographs that illustrate the themes for each catalog. Similar to last season's catalogs, we will use striking photos on double page spreads as openers for each product category that represent not only the category, but the theme for each catalog, and each category will have an intro spread with a tight, product-focused, full page image that accompanies to accompany technical highlights.

Ice Climbing - Winter 2008

This season, the theme of the Ice Climbing catalog is Ice Circus; and we are looking for images that reflect climbers living to climb ice, not just the suffering, but the excitement and fun - festivals, ice farming at local crags or Midwest silos...even indoor ice climbing. We're looking for photos that capture a wide variety of styles of ice climbing, new routes and lifestyle shots that capture the quirk and vibe of not only the ice climbing, but what happens before and after the climbing.

Freeride Ski - Winter 2008-09

Without forgetting that it's all about the down, this season's theme is Rituals; and we would like to see images of skiing as well as skiers preparing for the season - rituals to bring on the snow, the lucky polypro...images that reflect the anticipation of a new season. More specifically, we're looking for images of first descents and the preparation involved in skiing a line that no one has done before; and like the Ice catalog, images that reflect the lifestyle of those who wait for or chase the powder.

Again, the submission deadline for the Winter 2008 catalogs is March 7. If you're not familiar with the design/layout of recent BD catalogs, last season's catalogs and the Spring 2008 catalogs can be found at http://www.bdel.com/php/cat_request.php.

We accept both digital and film submissions:

DIGITAL SUBMISSIONS: We accept jpegs for review, either on a disk or uploaded to our ftp server. For review, please submit 8"x12" images at 120 dpi with credit and caption information included in the metadata. If sending a disk, please include hi-res images, in the event that one or more of your photos are chosen, we will confirm use with you before we go to press.

FILM SUBMISSIONS: Please send transparencies with a cover letter including the image/slide count as well as your current contact information-email, phone and shipping address, to the address below. Your slides will be reviewed, selects chosen and scanned; and your film, with a contact sheet of selects, will be returned in a timely manner.

Disk and Film Submissions:
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Looking forward,

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