



**“IF YOU WANT TO INCREASE YOUR SPEED,
YOU NEED TO HAVE
WHAT IT TAKES.”**



1 740 metres in altitude and countless hours of speed hiking await us:

A REAL ENDURANCE TEST.

“Would you like to test the new Skill 30?” Istvan Ladanyi, TATONKA Product Designer, asked us. We jump at the chance and spontaneously say “Yes!” After all, we’ve been looking for the perfect speed hiking rucksack for what seems like forever.

Maybe Skill has what it takes // According to Istvan Ladanyi it has been equipped with a new carrying system that ensures maximum ventilation and minimal contact with the back. Sounds great! But does the Skill do what it is supposed to, even under the most extreme conditions? We want to find out and put it through a real endurance test: a turbo speed hiking tour to the Dachstein region in Austria.

Admittedly, we’ve set ourselves an ambitious goal: from the Silberkarklamm (947 m) via the Guttenberghaus (2 146 m,) up to the Hunerkogel mountain station (2 687 m) – at full speed. This is going to be really tough. But we’re not just here for the fun of it. So, let’s go!



View the film of the tour here: www.expedition-life.com

FACTS WORTH KNOWING.

PLACES TO STOP:

Silberkarhütte (1 250 m)

Guttenberghaus (2 146 m)

Hunerkogel Mountain Station (2 694 m)

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8:03 am // The start is

EASY & HARD.

Getting started is the hardest part // This also applies to our speed hiking tour. Because from our starting point at Silberkarklamm to our first station Guttenberghütte, we have to ascend about 1 200 altitude metres. Plus it is really cold and foggy. But that doesn't matter: we'll be warm soon enough. And the fog will lift in due time, we hope!

At exactly 8 am we strap on the lightweight Skill with only the bare necessities for our day tour – and embark light-heartedly on our hike. Trail no. 619 leads us up wooden stairs and foot bridges directly through the beautiful Silberkarklamm. From Klammende it is not that far to the Silberklar hut. Up until now it has been

an easy warm-up, but now that the actual ascent is in front of us, the real fun begins! The scenery isn't all too spectacular, but the altimeter points mercilessly skywards.

First we cross meadows and then we cross steep mountain pine slopes as we make our way towards the summit. The exertion is taking its toll on us. And all of a sudden we feel the difference between the Skill and other rucksacks – we don't feel a thing! It doesn't stick to our backs. The back of the rucksack is perfectly ventilated and remains cool, which is an absolutely wonderful feeling. Let's hope it stays like this.



Higher and further, keeping up the speed // This climb is hard on the knees and legs. Every gram of weight counts. So in this respect, Skill 30 is the perfect fit. The product developers have left out everything that isn't absolutely necessary. Thank you, **TATONKA!**

“NOW WE NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE TO OTHER RUCKSACKS: HERE THERE IS NOTHING TO NOTICE!”

The landscape is quickly changing; on rough rocky paths we slowly make headway towards the 2 000 m threshold. Shortly before we reach it – at an altitude of about 1 920 metres – another path crosses ours. We take the direct route to the Feisterscharte. Too bad, since the detour through the picturesquely situated Hölltalsee is really worth the trip! Maybe next time!

So we continue on trail no. 618. To the left lies Sinabell, the beautiful panorama peak where we witnessed a few wonderful sunrises and sunsets – of course with an overnight stay in the Guttenberghaus where the weather was a lot better.

But then we finally have some luck: the fog is slowly lifting, the first rays of sunshine break through the cloud layer and provide us with a breathtaking view of the plateau “Am Stein”, the Totes Gebirge (part of the Northern Limestone Alps), the Ennstaler Alps and the lower and upper Tauern. Now we can move more quickly and easily, or is it just our imagination?

In any case, moments later the Guttenberghaus – the destination of many day trekkers – comes into view. We're about halfway to the day's final destination. We enjoy an extended break, take a long drink from the hydration tube and eat an energy bar. And then we set off again: full speed ahead.



5:30 pm // Bracing the storm with the

WIND AT OUR BACKS.

On to the second stage! // On rough terrain we walk along the south slope of the Eselstein and up to the Gruberscharte. Up here, the wind whips at our faces. Not really ideal conditions for a speed hiking tour. But perfect conditions for putting the Skill 30 through its paces. After all, in rough terrain and adverse weather conditions, you need a rucksack that sits snug against the body. And the Skill 30 definitely does. With this feeling of assurance and the peaks of the Ramsauer mountains accompanying us, we continue hiking towards the Edelgriess glacier.

Here, the greatest challenge awaits us. It's the Austriascharte, or Austria Gap – a passage secured through steel cables and flanked by 30-metre-high iron ladders. We continue at a slightly reduced pace, in awe of the fear-inducing chasm. But what can we say: the Skill 30 passes this test with flying colours, too. The optimal ventilation helps diffuse the “cold sweat” running down our backs. And: despite minimum contact with our back, it still offers maximum comfort.

The Hunerkogel mountain station is now in view. This is the perfect opportunity to make a run to the finish line. Who will be the first one to get to the Dachstein glacier cable car? But we won't reveal here who won. That would be a bit too embarrassing ...



OUR CONCLUSION.

1 740 altitude metres during mediocre weather and at full speed. That wasn't just a real endurance test for the Skill 30, but for us as well. Skill 30 passed this test with ease and we passed with tenacity. The rucksack receives the best grade – and we do too, because we completed the tour in our personal best time. However, we'd like to take this opportunity to give all outdoor enthusiasts an important tip: for this wonderful tour you should allow at least two days. Only the crazy TATONKA testers would try to complete it in one day.





The best rucksack is the one that
**YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW
IS THERE.**

This is one of the key principles at TATONKA // And also why the product designers are continuously working on further developing our rucksacks. Can we somehow further increase the carrying comfort, improve the ventilation or reduce wasn't absolutely necessary.

The result: a revolutionary new carrying system that keeps your back free. Because with the **X Vent Zero carrying system** nothing comes between you and your rucksack – nothing but air. The secret lies in the two fibreglass rods that have been shaped into an “x”. They ensure maximum ventilation and control while maintaining minimal contact with the back. Beyond this, the system actively relieves the back since the weight is distributed sideways to the hips.

The new **TATONKA** backpack models have been designed and manufactured with this innovative carrying system – the front loader **Skill** and the top loader Vento. Both are made from the ultra-light material T-Rip Light, which thanks to its innovative PU/silicone coating achieves a higher tensile strength than heavier materials. The **Skill** and the Vento weigh in at about 925 and 960 grams respectively. That is an optimal weight for hikers who like their tours to be a bit faster and a bit more extreme. After all, every gram of weight that you are carrying on your back counts when speed hiking or trail running.

The new **Skill** with the innovative **X Vent Zero** carrying system // Maximum ventilation meets minimal contact with the back.

Read more about **Skill 30** on page 52.

At **TATONKA** you don't have to forgo anything, except a little weight // Even though the **TATONKA** trekking rucksacks are very light, they offer hikers everything they could possibly want in the great outdoors: a ventilated and adjustable **X Vent Vario carrying system** that offers maximum carrying comfort, even when fully loaded. On top of that, we offer ergonomically shaped shoulder and hip belts that direct the weight evenly to the shoulders and hips. And many more details that significantly increase the carrying comfort of the rucksack. Even in the selection of hiking rucksacks, at **TATONKA** you do not have to do without anything. As well as the new **Skill** and **Vento**, there are another three rucksack series in the product range: the classic **Tivano** and **Breva** with practical outside pockets, the modern top loaders **Karema** and **Farou** and the front loader **Cona**.

The hiking rucksack you select depends on your personal taste and requirements. For a day-long hike, about 20-litres per person are sufficient. For hikers travelling together and only taking one rucksack, a volume of 30 litres is sufficient. Whatever you choose: as soon as you start hiking, you can stop thinking about your rucksack. You won't even know it's there!



Which one does what? An overview of the rucksacks and their features:

	Carrying system	Volume in litres	Women's model	Front loader	Top loader / Lid compartment	Hiking stick attachment	Rain cover	First-aid compartment (contents not included)	Hydration system compatible	Front pocket	Side pockets with zip fastener	Side pockets (for tent rods)	Base compartment
Skill	X Vent Zero	30		•		•	•		•			•	•
Vento	X Vent Zero	25			•	•	•	•	•			•	
Karema	X Vent Vario	18	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Farou	X Vent Vario	25			•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Cona	X Vent Vario	25	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Breva	X Vent Vario	20	•		•	•	•	•	•		•		
Tivano	X Vent Vario	25/30			•	•	•	•	•		•		



SKILL 30 NEW



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red

bamboo

black

bright blue

Very lightweight front loader with new carrying system. Thanks to the new X Vent Zero carrying system from **TATONKA**, a sweaty back is no longer an issue – through optimal ventilation and minimal contact to the back. In addition, weighing only 925 grams, the Skill 30 is an absolute lightweight, which especially comes in handy during treks requiring lots of exertion and where every reduced gram of weight is an advantage. Even so, everything has its spot in the rucksack, thanks to a removable base, a lid with fastening loops and underneath that a lid compartment with key holder.

Features: ① X Vent Zero carrying system ② Wide opening in the main compartment with waterproof zipper ③ Lid with possibility of material fastening ④ Lid compartment with key holder and rain cover in a signal colour ⑤ Padded, ergonomically formed shoulder straps with elastic waist strap ⑥ Removable base compartment ⑦ Elastic side bags made from mesh material with height adjustable hiking stick attachments ⑧ Two side compression straps ⑨ Handle

Material: T-Rip Light, 450 HD Polyoxford

Article: 1480 Skill 30

Colours: 007 bamboo, 015 red, 040 black, 194 bright blue

Weight: 925 g

Dimensions: 59 × 22.5 × 20.5 cm

Volume: 30 l



Lightweight with revolutionary carrying system. The X Vent Zero carrying system from TATONKA sets new standards. Through two attached x-shaped fibreglass rods and minimal contact with the back, it combines optimal weight control with excellent ventilation and minimal weight and, in this fashion, is the perfect companion on hiking tours. The top loader weighs in at around 960 grams and still has enough room for everything that you need – in the spacious main compartment, in the comfortable lid compartment with key holder and the possibility of attaching materials as well as in the elastic side pockets made from mesh material.

Features: ① X Vent Zero carrying system ② Lid compartment with key holder and rain cover ③ Lid with the possibility of attaching material ④ Comfortably cut shoulder straps with elastic waist strap ⑤ Elastic side pockets made of mesh material with height-adjustable hiking stick attachments ⑥ Two side compression straps ⑦ Handle **Material:** T-Rip Light, 450 HD Polyoxford

Article: 1460 Vento 25

Colours: 007 bamboo, 015 red, 039 lemon, 040 black

Weight: 960 g

Dimensions: 57 × 22 × 12.5 cm

Volume: 25 l



black



lemon



red

bamboo

KAREMA 18



TREKKING	ALPINE	HIKING



lemon/ash grey



bright blue/ash grey



blossom/ash grey

Sporty hiking rucksack for ladies. The construction of this hiking rucksack tailored to the female form ensures the perfect fit; which is clear from the design of the hip strap and the specially curved shoulder straps. The shape of the rucksack, which gets narrower at the bottom, and the X Vent Vario carrying system guarantee maximum freedom of movement and high carrying comfort. An additional pocket can be found inside the main compartment. Further storage space is offered in the form of the two zip-up side pockets with expansion pleats. A key holder and signal colour rain cover can be found in the lid compartment. Other features include the hydration system, as well as the hiking stick and hoops for material attachment. And the Karema also has a lot to offer from a visual point of view with its decorative all-over print and embroidered Lady logo.

Features: ① X Vent Vario carrying system ② Padded shoulder straps tailored to the female shape ③ Padded hip strap ④ Height adjustable chest strap with signal whistle ⑤ Lid with material attachment loops ⑥ Lid compartment with key holder and rain cover ⑦ Thermo-Fusion zip fastener on the lid compartment ⑧ Front pocket made of elasticated Kela material ⑨ Hiking stick attachment ⑩ Handle ⑪ Flat zipped side pockets with expansion pleat ⑫ Hydration system compatible ⑬ Light attachment ⑭ Compression straps ⑮ Ventilation opening on the side expansion pockets ⑯ Decorative print ⑰ Lady logo

Material: 450 HD Polyoxford, T-Rip

Article: 1538 Karema 18

Colours: 021 lemon/ash grey, 134 bright blue/ash grey, 173 blossom/ash grey

Weight: 1.10 kg

Dimensions: 50 × 26 × 11 cm

Volume: 18 l





FAROU 25



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Sporty hiking rucksack with dynamic shape. The adjustable X Vent Vario carrying system with ventilated and flexible mesh back is ideal when a lot of movement is involved. The shape of the rucksack, which gets narrower at the bottom, allows additional freedom of movement; the side zip-up pockets with expansion pleats provide even more storage space. The Thermo-Fusion zip on the lid compartment reliably protects against rain getting in and the front outer deep insert pocket made of elasticated Kelas material is the ideal place to keep important items such as your hiking map. Farou also has a height-adjustable chest strap, which provides additional stability.

Features: ① X Vent Vario carrying system ② Padded shoulder strap ③ Padded hip strap ④ Height adjustable chest strap with signal whistle ⑤ Lid with material attachment loops ⑥ Lid compartment with key holder and rain cover in signal colour ⑦ Thermo-Fusion zip fastener on the lid compartment ⑧ Front pocket made of elasticated Kelas material ⑨ Hiking stick attachment ⑩ Handle ⑪ Flat zipped side pockets with expansion pleat ⑫ Hydration system compatible ⑬ Light attachment ⑭ Compression straps ⑮ Ventilation opening on the side expansion pockets ⑯ First-aid compartment (contents not included)

Material: 450 HD Polyoxford, T-Rip

Article: 1537 Farou 25

Colours: 142 bright blue/warm grey, 175 kauri/warm grey

Weight: 1.30 kg

Dimensions: 53 × 25 × 18 cm

Volume: 25 l



kauri/warm grey



bright blue/warm grey



CONA 25



TREKKING	ALPINE	HIKING



bright blue



lemon



red

Hiking rucksack for women. Cona has a carrying system that has been adapted to optimally fit the female form. This ensures optimum fit with sufficient ventilation – and therefore excellent carrying comfort. Side compression straps and a height-adjustable chest strap with signal whistle guarantee additional support and security. The large main compartment can be loaded very practically from the front, and for more flexibility when packing, the bottom compartment can easily be separated using the zip. In the main compartment there is a compartment for a hydration system and a mesh pocket. Plus the mesh pockets on both outer sides and a hiking stick holder offer additional storage space and flexibility.

Features: ① X Vent Vario carrying system ② Padded shoulder strap with shape designed especially for women ③ Padded hip strap ④ Height adjustable chest strap ⑤ Front pocket made of elasticated Kelas material ⑥ Adjustable and detachable hiking stick holder ⑦ Handle ⑧ Hydration system compatible ⑨ Compression straps ⑩ Decorative print ⑪ Light holder on the rain cover ⑫ Lady logo **Material:** 450 HD Polyoxford, T-Rip

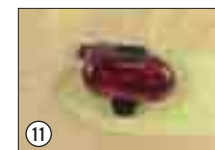
Article: 1540 Cona 25

Colours: 015 red, 039 lemon, 194 bright blue

Weight: 1.30 kg

Dimensions: 50 × 28 × 20 cm

Volume: 25 l



BREVA 20



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red



lemon



bamboo

Timeless ladies' hiking rucksack. When designing the Breva, we have paid special attention to the female anatomy. This is mainly shown in the fit of the hip strap and the specially curved shoulder straps. The X Vent Vario carrying system can be individually adjusted to different back lengths and perfectly masters its task of distributing the load while sufficiently ventilating the back. The result is the highest wearing comfort for ladies – identified by the Lady logo embroidered on the side. In the main compartment and the two side bellow pockets there is room for everything that you need on a hiking tour. The lid compartment also has a key holder and a rain cover in signal colour. Material loops can be found on the lid compartment and a hiking stick attachment on the front.

Features: ① X Vent Vario carrying system ② Padded shoulder straps tailored to the female shape ③ Padded hip strap ④ Chest strap with signal whistle ⑤ Lid with material loops ⑥ Lid compartment with key holder and rain cover in signal colour ⑦ Hiking stick attachment ⑧ Handle ⑨ Two side zip-up bellow pockets, inside pocket on the right ⑩ Hydration system compatible ⑪ Light attachment ⑫ Lady logo **Material:** T-Rip, 450 HD Polyoxford

Article: 1528 Breva 20

Colours: 007 bamboo, 015 red, 039 lemon

Weight: 1.10 kg

Dimensions: 52 × 26 × 15 cm

Volume: 20l





TIVANO 25

TIVANO 30



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bamboo



bright blue



carbon



kauri



blue



black



bamboo

Classic hiking rucksack. With its appealing design and well equipped with all of the important features, Tivano is a reliable companion on every hiking tour. The adjustable X Vent Vario carrying system combines the ideal load distribution of the X-system with the benefits of a ventilation system, thereby guaranteeing maximum carrying comfort. Further features are the padding on the shoulder straps and hip strap, the chest strap with emergency whistle so you can attract attention in an emergency or the signal colour rain cover inside the lid compartment. The side expanding pockets, the right of which has an additional inside pocket, provide additional storage space. Tivano comes in two sizes. The only difference: the 30-litre version has an additional detachable base compartment.

Features: ① X Vent Vario carrying system ② Padded shoulder strap ③ Padded hip strap ④ Chest strap with signal whistle ⑤ Lid with loops for material attachment ⑥ Lid compartment with key holder and rain cover in signal colour ⑦ Hiking stick attachment ⑧ Handle ⑨ Two side zip-up bellow pockets, inside pocket on the right ⑩ Hydration system compatible ⑪ Light attachment ⑫ First-aid compartment (contents not included)

Material: T-Rip, 450 HD Polyoxford

Article: 1530 Tivano 25

Colours: 007 bamboo, 043 carbon, 194 bright blue

Weight: 1.20 kg

Dimensions: 55 × 28 × 15 cm

Volume: 25 l

Article: 1531 Tivano 30

Colours: 033 kauri, 040 black, 215 blue

Weight: 1.40 kg

Dimensions: 60 × 30 × 17 cm

Volume: 30 l