



Owner's Manual

YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL AND REGISTRATION CARD

The helmet you have in your hands (or maybe it's on your head) is a Giro. It is constructed with a foam liner and a thermoplastic shell. Extensive testing verifies that Giro helmets meet the various shock absorption, penetration, strap strength and coverage provisions of specific US and International headgear standards. Specific standard designations can be found inside your helmet.

READ THESE WARNINGS

1. All safety equipment has limitations. Read and follow all instructions carefully.
2. This helmet is intended for only the following activities: skiing and snowboarding. It is not intended for motorsport, moped or other uses.
3. This helmet is designed to absorb shock by partial destruction of the energy absorbing liner. This damage may not be visible. Therefore, if subjected to a severe blow, the helmet should be destroyed and replaced even if it appears undamaged.
4. No helmet can protect the wearer from all foreseeable accidents. Depending on the type of impact, even a low speed accident can result in a serious head injury or fatality.
5. A helmet can only provide a level of protection for areas that it covers. It does not protect the neck.
6. Please exercise care and good judgment whenever you ski or snowboard. Comply with all safety regulations and do your part to avoid accidents.

YOU HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TOO

- 1) DO Always wear your helmet in the proper position.
 - 2) DO Fasten your buckle and tighten your chin strap.
 - 3) DO Check your adjustments every time you wear your helmet.
 - 4) DO Inspect your helmet regularly for signs of wear or damage.
 - 5) DO Exercise care and good judgment whenever you ski or snowboard.
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- 1) DON'T Wear a helmet that's been in an accident.
 - 2) DON'T Attach anything to the helmet unless recommended by the manufacturer.
 - 3) DON'T Wear someone else's helmet.
 - 4) DON'T Wear anything hard or sharp under your helmet.
 - 5) DON'T Take unnecessary risks just because you're wearing a helmet.

In order for your Giro helmet to be effective it must fit properly, be worn properly and be properly fastened. Which brings us to:

HOW TO MAKE YOUR HELMET FIT LIKE A GLOVE

Giro helmets come in lots of sizes, so chances are there's one that's going to fit you. If the helmet you now own doesn't fit on your head leaving little room between your head and the padded liner, exchange it for one that does.

If you bought a Sonic™ model, notice that there is a second set of pads included. You can customize the fit with these adhesive backed sizing pads to get a snug fit.

HOW TO ADJUST THE STRAPS

The front of your helmet should fall just above your eyebrows. If the front is too low, you won't be able to see hazards like cliff edges and young freestyle prodigies. If the front is too high, you'll look like a geek and your helmet will not provide as much protection as when positioned properly (Figure 1). Try strapping your goggles on. If the helmet is on correctly you won't be able to scratch your forehead.



Right

Figure 1



Wrong

You've no doubt noticed the straps hanging off your helmet. As plush as they are, they're not there just to warm your cheeks. They are designed to keep your helmet on by buckling under your lower jaw. If your straps aren't adjusted right, your helmet won't stay on properly. So pay attention.

To adjust them, fasten the buckle and tighten the chin strap by pulling on the loose end of the strap until your helmet fits snugly. How snugly? As snugly as you can without impairing your ability to chew and swallow an energy bar. Got it? Now make sure the loose end of the strap still loops back up through the rubber "O" ring.

HOW TO FURTHER POSITION STRAPS AROUND EARS

If you have a Nine.9™, S4™, SST, or Sonic you'll also want to position the strap guides so that they rest just below your ear lobes (Figure 2). To do this on the Nine.9, open the Tri Loc™ (Figure 3) and adjust the front and rear straps to move the Tri Loc up or down, fore or aft. Snap the Tri Loc

closed and adjust the other side. Readjust the chin strap if necessary. On the S4, SST, and Sonic, adjust the front and rear straps by sliding the strap guide up or down.



Figure 2

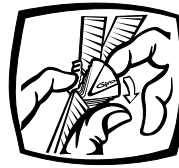


Figure 3

While you have that Nine.9 or S4 in your lap, you should practice removing and reattaching the Weatherstrip™ vent plugs and ear flaps. Both help keep winter cold, snow and drips away from your scalp but are easy to remove on warm days or in hot situations. On the Nine.9 simply unsnap the ear flap from the liner and slide the chin strap through the ear pad strap loop. To remove the S4 ear flaps it's as easy as unsnapping the ear pad from the webbing and pulling out of helmet. For additional temperature control, the Nine.9 also features a removable neck roll.

When you are satisfied with your strap adjustments, put the helmet on and try to pull it off from the front and back. A correctly fitted helmet should be comfortable and should not move forward to obscure vision or rearward to expose the forehead. If you can't adjust the helmet to meet these requirements, DO NOT USE THE HELMET. Replace it with a different size or a different model.

IF YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT

Remember that this helmet is designed to absorb shock by partial destruction of the energy absorbing liner. This damage may not be visible. Therefore, if subjected to a severe blow, the helmet should be destroyed and replaced.

Fortunately, if your Giro helmet is damaged in an accident within three years from its date of purchase, Giro will help you replace it. Please contact Giro, or the Giro Distributor in your country, for program details.

IF YOUR HELMET CAME WITH A CHINGUARD OR VISOR

Note that your Giro chinguard was designed for use while skiing and snowboarding. Neither the helmet nor the chinguard are intended for moped or motorsport use.

Giro snowsport chinguards and visors are attached with bolts. Be sure to check these bolts, and retighten if necessary (using a 3mm Allen wrench or a coin, depending on the bolt), every time you go out on the slopes.

Now your helmet should fit properly. But be sure to check the adjustment of your (or your child's) helmet every time you go out on the slopes. And, call us at 1-800-969-GIRO if you have any questions.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR HELMET AS GOOD AS NEW

First, it would help if you didn't bump into anything. That can really scratch up the shell, not to mention the foam inside. High temperatures (above 110°F/40°C) will melt most plastic shells. So don't leave your helmet in your car or anywhere else near direct or indirect heat. If your helmet melts, it is not covered by our one year warranty.

We recommend cleaning your helmet with mild soap and water only. The helmet may be damaged and rendered ineffective by petroleum and petroleum products, cleaning agents, paints, adhesives and the like, without the damage being visible to the user.

A helmet has a limited life span in use and should be replaced when it shows obvious signs of wear.

JUST WHAT KIND OF WARRANTY DOES THIS HELMET COME WITH?

If your Giro Helmet is found to be defective in materials or workmanship within one year from the date of purchase, Giro Sport Design will, at its sole option, either repair or replace the helmet free of charge. Just take it into the dealer from which it was purchased, with a letter indicating the specific reason you're returning the helmet, and proof of date of purchase. The dealer will then evaluate the claim.

Giro does not warranty any helmet damaged due to heat.

Your helmet's serial number can usually be found under the padding that covers your ear. (On the Nine.9, look under the padding at the crown.)

WHAT DO THE LAWYERS HAVE TO SAY?

Giro Sport Design warrants to the original purchaser of this product that the product is free of defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of original purchase. Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose is limited in duration to the above one year period. This warranty does not apply to defects or physical damage resulting from abuse, neglect, improper repair, improper fit, alterations, or use unintended by the manufacturer. This warranty is in lieu of all other agreements and warranties, general or special, express or implied and no representative or person is authorized to assume liability on behalf of Giro Sport Design in connection with the sale or use of this product.

Designed by Giro Sport Design, Santa Cruz, California.
Manufactured in China

If your helmet bears a ASTM designation it meets the essential safety requirements of F2040.

If your helmet bears a CE designation it meets the essential safety requirements of EN 1077 or EN 1078.



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HEY!!! REGISTER HERE FOR GIRO'S CRASH REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

- 1** What helmet did you buy?
 1. Ravine™ 2. Chute™ 3. Pitch™ 4. Bugaboo™ 5. Flint™ 6. Nine™
- 2** 1. Mr. 2. Ms. 3. Miss 4. Ms.
 First Name: _____ Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

- 3** Address/Number and Street: _____ Apt.#: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

 Phone Number: _____
- 4** Date of Purchase: _____ month _____ year
- 5** Serial Number: _____ (located on hard shell, under ear pad)
- 6** Why did you choose this helmet? (top 2 reasons)
 1. Received as a gift 4. Quality/Durability 7. Great Ventilation
 2. Crash Program 5. Great Fit 8. Salesperson rec.
 3. Color/Graphics 6. It's a Giro 9. It's Lightweight
- 7** Is this your: 1. First snowsport helmet 2. Replacement helmet
- 8** Is this your first Giro helmet? 1. Yes 2. No
- 9** What other brands did you consider?
 1. Bell 4. Carrera 7. Jofa
 2. Boeri 5. Leedom 8. RED (Burton)
 3. Briko 6. Louis Garneau 9. Other _____
- 10** How many days per year do you snowboard or ski?
 1. 1-5 2. 6-10 3. 11-20 4. More than 20 days/year
- 11** For which sports/activities will this helmet be used?
 1. Snowboarding 2. Sking 3. Ski-boarding 4. Other _____
- 12** Your Date of Birth: _____ month _____ day _____ year
- 13** What other sports do you participate in?
 1. Road Cycling 5. Hiking 9. Golf
 2. Mountain Biking 6. Backpacking 10. Team Sports
 3. Running 7. Tennis 11. Motor Sports
 4. Inline Skating 8. Skateboarding 12. Other _____
- 14** Including children, what are the ages of the other people that live in your house?
 Male: _____ years Female: _____ years
- 15** Education (please check categories which apply):
 1. High School 3. Completed College
 2. Some College 4. Graduate School
- 16** Which best describes your family income?
 1. Under \$15,000 4. \$35,000-\$49,999 7. \$100,000-\$149,999
 2. \$15,000-\$24,999 5. \$50,000-\$74,999 8. Over \$150,000
 3. \$25,000-\$34,999 6. \$75,000-\$99,999
- 17** In the last six months have you or others in your household:
 1. Purchased clothes through the mail? 6. Purchased two or more books?
 2. Purchased gifts through the mail? 7. Purchased cassettes/CDs?
 3. Worked in your garden? 8. Donated to wildlife or environmental causes?
 4. Traveled on vacation 9. Donated to charities?
 5. Purchased PC or PC software?

THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. WE VALUE YOUR ANSWERS AND INPUT. PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD PREFER NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER MARKET RESEARCH FOR GIRO OR OBTAIN INFORMATION ON NEW AND INTERESTING OPPORTUNITIES.

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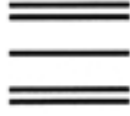
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