Compilation of Bootfitting Masters

These are, according to the person(s) making the recommendation, not merely "good" bootfitters, but *exceptional* ones. The list is organized alphabetically by State / Province.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA
Bootfitter's Name: JD HARE (1 recommendation for JD, the other just generally for the store)
Store Name: Snowcovers
Store Address: Whistler near the IGA supermarket
Phone Number: 604 905 4100 Fax 604 905 4101 Toll free 1 888 905 4100
Email: Whistler@snowcovers.com
Website: [www.snowcovers.com](http://www.snowcovers.com)
Additional Comments:

*worlfishnski*: These guys take a lot of pride in their work. As in any place, they have two experts and the rest are in a kind of apprenticeship. They do the fitting for the BC ski team as well as several members of the Canadian Team and a lot of the locally based competitive extreme skiers.

*Nettie*: JD was professional enough when I went looking for new boots to recommend one they did not sell. It was the only boot he wanted to
put my feet in but due to technical reasons the shop were not stocking that brand of boot in the 2001/2 season.
He advised me where to buy the other brand, which model, and liaised by phone with the vendor. We then agreed a price on fitting for the season. Within two fits the boots were stunningly comfortable. Only two more fits during the season were needed to take into account wear.
I have difficult feet: wide, high instep, thick and damaged ankles. JD is excellent at 'blowing' difficult areas like toes. The canting work was good too.
I recommended the store to all my friends and not one was disappointed.

CALIFORNIA
Bootfitter's Name: Christian Denis, Bob Campbell
Store Name: Elite Feet at Squaw Creek Sports
Store Address: 400 Squaw Creek Road, Olympic Valley, CA 96146
(north Shore, Lake Tahoe - Squaw Valley)
Phone Number: 580-581-6637 www.TahoeEliteFeet.com
Additional Comments:
AC: Tell them you heard about them on EpicSki and they'll take very good care of you (appointments are a good idea). These guys are fantastic and know what they are doing. Their client list includes some of the best skiers in the world (Johnny Moseley, Darron Rahlves, Kent Kreitler, etc).
Powdigger: These guys are great. They are laid back but know their stuff. They have fit many of the freeride pros and US Ski teamers. The did my feet right. I got the cork footbed and they have really helped my skiing. They have great arch support without sacrificing comfort.

Bootfitter's name: Patrick Cosentini
Shop: Owner/operator: Cosmo's Custom Footwerks
Phone (530)581-5404
Location: Tahoe City, Lake Tahoe
Comments:
Lostboy: Pat or "Cosmo" is very knowledgeable, takes the time to do things right, has more boot fitting equipment and tools than any shop I've ever been in.
G.Law A nationally recognized boot fitting and alignment specialist. I took my 16 year-old daughter to see Claude for custom footbeds and alignment. He spent about two hours with us and was happy to explain every step of the process. His web site also has a nice series of photos and descriptions of each step. www.skinetsports.com

Dan the bump man: G.Law above mentioned Claude at Skinet(see his post for info) Just thought I would add my 2 cents. I used to work at a ski shop for 2 years, and they did boot fitting. But not like Claude!! This guy is an artist. Highly recommend him. He does more than just make a foot bed, he determines the best boot for your foot, ski style, weight, ski level, experience, and more. Trust me, most ski shops sell you what they want to sell you, or don't truly know how to size a boot to your foot. Claude does.

Arty50: Claude is incredible. At the recommendation of my sister (she's a top notch expert), I went in to pick up a new pair of boots. I've had problems in the past finding just the right pair, mostly due to the fact I have size 12 1/2 feet with high arches. So the constant annoyance of ill fitting boots has really held back my skiing. So I went to see Claude and was thoroughly impressed. He knows what boots will fit different shapes of feet, takes the time to make sure everything is JUST right, and his footbeds rock. He takes the time to explain how a boot should fit your foot and so you leave not just with a killer set of boots but also with the knowledge of exactly how they should feel. I can't tell you how important this is. The result was the most incredible year of skiing I ever had. I never had to worry about my feet moving around or my toes getting pinched. And the end result was that I could feel everything going on in the ski and really fine tune my skiing. It just opened up so much terrain for me.
Store Name: Ranch Craft Ski Shop  
Store Address: 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road, **San Diego**, CA, 92120  
Phone Number: (619) 280-0304  
Additional Comments:  
**MelloBoy:** I had my custom corks done at this shop by Mikey this past season. He's a very patient and friendly gentleman with a great sense of humor. If something won't work, such as a boot being too narrow or wide, he's straight to the point. Ron did the fine tune adjustments of my boots after skiing on the corks for a few days. Had some problems with the instep, but was able to adjust with grinding the footboar a bit. He is also very knowledgeable in stance alignment.  

Only Alpine skishop in San Diego that I'm aware of aside from the sporting good stores.

**COLORADO**  
Bootfitter's Name: Jeff Bergeron  
Store Name: Boot Fixation  
Store Address: 1802 Airport Road, Unit B2, **Breckenridge**, CO  
Phone number: 970-453-8546  
E-mail: bootfix@colorado.net  
Additional Comments:  
**Bob Barnes:** Very knowledgeable and professional!  
**Tag:** My wife's boots were giving her such pain she was ready to quit skiing until a friend in Summit County pointed us to Jeff. Jeff does more than just get the boot to fit your foot. He also checks your entire alignment and will even come to ski with you to make sure his adjustments are working to assist your skiing.

Bootfitter's Name: Bob Gleason  
Store Name: Boot Doctors  
Store Address: Inn at Lost Creek, Mtn. Village **Telluride CO**  
Phone Number: (970)728-8954  
Additional Comments:  
**dchan:** Great work, relaxed environment. Honest opinions. In our group of 24 skiers/boarders 14 had boots fitted or purchased boots. of the remaining 10, 6 of us already had gotten our boots fitted by very good
fitters and were not in need of fitting. Sister shop in Taos
www.bootdoctor.com

Bootfitter's Name: Lee
Store Name: The Custom Foot
Store Address: He operates out of Mountain Miser in Englewood, CO - On Hamden and Broadway.
Phone Number: 303-761-4002
Additional Comments:
**nopainnojane:** I have worked with The Custom Foot for 6 years now and have been completely satisfied. He does not sell boots, but does bootfitting, custom liners, and footbeds.

Bootfitter's Name: Jacques Thomas
Store Name: Le Ski Lab
Store Address: **Winter Park**, CO
Phone Number: 970-887-3085
Additional Comments:
**SCSA:** Jacques has been around Winter Park for at least 25 years. He's well known around the state as, "The guy in Winter Park". He only sells Dalbello boots with Zipfit liners. Why? Because Dalbello boots are infinitely adjustable and Zipfit liners and the best after market liner out there. Jacques has found a combination that works and that skiers love. He has hundreds (thousands?) of satisfied customers like myself who wouldn't trust their boots with anyone else. If you go see him, make sure you tell him I sent you.

Bootfitter's Name: Harry Martin
Store Name: Steamboat Ski & Bike Kare
Store Address: 1103 Lincoln Ave, **Steamboat** CO
Phone Number: (970) 879-0569
Additional Comments:
**XXXer:** Harry is known as the best bootfitter in town by a lot of staff (patrol and instructors) on the mt. as well as members of the Winter Sports Club (race program). He's excellent at finding a good boot for your foot shape/skiing style and fitting it from there. He also makes great custom footbeds, custom foam liners, and is helpful with any
alignment issues. Tell him John sent you!

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
Bootfitter's Name: Brian Eardley
Store Name: Ski Center
Store Address: 4900 Fordham Rd NW (corner of Fordham & 49th), Washington DC
Phone Number: 202-966-4474 or -4475
Additional Comments:
*gonzostrike:* Brian Beaumont also is a good bootfitter. Both Brians are very patient and detailed, and will work with you until you are satisfied.
*CAVEAT:* You must be willing to spend a number of hours at the shop in order to have proper bootfitting. I used to work with the two Brians at Ski Center. They are top-notch guys, good skiers and very knowledgeable about equipment and bootfitting. As a general rule, Ski Center is very serious about ensuring that its customers receive honest, complete product information, and the best possible product suitability advice.

**MASSACHUSETTS**
Bootfitter's Name: Gordon Hay
Store Name: Bob Smith's Wilderness House & Solesytems, Inc
Store Address: 1048 Comm Av, Boston; or 270 Babcock (private lab)
Phone Number @ Bob Smith's : 617 232-1399
Phone Number @ Solesystems: 617 782-7303
Phone Number: 617-277-5858; or 617-782-7303 (private lab)
[www.solesystems.com](http://www.solesystems.com)
Additional Comments:
*GeoffD:* Gordon used to be the best boot fitter at Killington.
*Jonathan S.:* Seeing anyone else in the Greater Boston Metro Area makes no sense, as Gordon is not only an outstanding bootfitter, but also the only competent bootfitter around here.

Name: Linda and Phil Burgess
Store: Ski Stop
Address: 256 Washington St., Westwood, Ma
Telephone: 781/329-3616
Website: www.Skistopmass.com
Comments:
LisaHardt: People you can trust!

MICHIGAN
Alignment: The Performance Zone Located on University Drive East of just off of I 75 Auburn Heights, Michigan (Southeast MI)
Alignmen: Specialist: Brian Graham.
\textit{wink}: Brain well help not only with alignment but boot fitting as well. Sells only the Dallbello boots, because of fit and easily adjustable canting systems. Will work with your boots as well, and has several foot bed alternatives including Fastech products of Troy Michigan.

Bootfitter's Name: Ken Griffen, co-owner and boot fitter
Store Name: Nichols Ski Shops
Store Location: Dearborn and Waterford Michigan
Additional Comments:
\textit{wink}: Many years ago, a former Salomon Rep. He works with a lot of the high school race teams.

MONTANA
Bootfitters name: Chris Kelly
Shop: The Chalet Ski & Sports
Location: Bozeman, MT
Phone Number: 406-587-4595
\textit{nono}: I refer all my students to Chris.

NEVADA
Bootfitters name: Bud Heishman
Shop: Owner/operator Snowind sports
Phone: (775) 323-9463
Location: Reno Hilton, Reno NV.
Comments:
\textit{Lostboy}: Bud has an extensive resume including working with the US Ski Team race program. Canting by grinding boot soles is a particular specialty.
\textit{Jonathan S.}: Strength is in stance alignment, and especially boot sole
planing.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Bootfitter's Name: Paul Richelson
Store Name: Feet First
Store Address: Plymouth NH
Phone Number: 800-371-3447
Additional Comments:
Jonathan S.: Paul is very busy the entire year, but is definitely the best bootfitter in the "Ski 93" area. He does not sell boots, which is both a plus (i.e., he is only too happy to work on boots you bought elsewhere) and a minus (i.e., he can provide only limited help in deciding what boots to buy).

NEW MEXICO
Bootfitter's Name: Bob Gleason & Bob Remiger
(He must travel around to his stores since we also have had him fit several times in Taos)
Store Name: Boot Doctors
Store Address: Taos, NM
Phone Number: (505) 776-2489
Additional Comments:
Todd Murchison: When I was working in SW Colorado we would make a pilgrimage down to Taos now and then to get our boots fitted - always top notch work.

NEW YORK
Bootfitter's Name: Jeff Rich
Store Name: US Orthotic Center
Store Address: 515 Madison Ave, NYC
Phone Number: 212-832-1648
Additional Comments:
MtSnowman: Surprised I didn't see this name on the list already... Jeff is one of the founders of Masterfit U., the inventor of the InstaPrint footbed, and the technical director for SKI magazine's boot testing team. He is also a certified Pedorthist (one who specializes in orthotics.) Aside from that, he's a nice guy. I guess you can qualify him as a "bootfitting
"master..." His services are pricey, but I guess that goes with the expertise.

OREGON
Bootfitter's name: Scott Holmer
Shop: Owner/operator The Race Place
Location: Bend Or.
Ph. (800) 814-7223
Comments:
Lostboy: Scott is the creator of the BEAST line of tuning equipment. He has an extensive race oriented background including a son and daughter who have excelled at ski racing.

QUEBEC, CANADA
Bootfitter's Name: Leon
Store Name: Austrian Ski Shop
Store Address: 4942 Cote Des Neiges, Montreal, Quebec
Phone Number: 514 733-3336
Additional Comments:
exnyerinmontreal: These guys have been in business for 35 years, starting out as a shop specifically for racers. They have an excellent selection of boots, know their stuff when it comes to recommending and fitting, and they have excellent prices to boot (no pun intended). If you're in or through town to ski Tremblant, I highly recommend you check them out if you're in the market for equipment.

UTAH
Bootfitter's Name: Paul Huber
Store Name: Deep Powder House
Store Address: Alta Lodge, Alta, UT
Phone Number: 801-742-2400
Additional Comments:
dchan: Great work, Quick service. Good evaluation before work. I had previous footbeds and had fittings done at another location. They looked at my current FB and made no changes. They explained why it was well made and did not need changing and proceeded to check other things out and work with me on my problems.
Worked on ramp angles as well as alignment.

Bootfitter's Name: Steve Bagley  
Store Name: Superior Ski ( 2nd level of Snowbird center, turn left getting off the elevator or stairs)  
Location: Snowbird, UT  
801-742-2871  
**dp:** Steve is the best bootfitter I have ever dealt with. He even sent me to a competitor to buy my Flexons when he didn't have them in stock because he was sure they would be the best boot for me (he was right). Very highly recommended. Does all kinds of custom work and great footbeds.

**VERMONT**

Bootfitter's Name: Scott Thompson  
Store Name: Green Mountain Orthotic Lab, The First Run Ski Shop  
Store Address: Stratton Mountain Village, Stratton Mountain, VT  
Phone Number: 1-802-297-4405  
Additional Comments:  
**gashw:** Founders of Masterfit U. Web site:

Bootfitter's Name: Ray and Curt  
Store Name: Basin Ski Shop  
Store Address: Killington, Vt  
Phone Number: 802 432-3234  
Additional Comments:  
**GeoffD:** Very wide line of boots including Strolz for the worst fit problems. Largest shop in Vermont so they have good inventory. They get very busy on weekends so pick an off time.

Bootfitter's Name: Dave Strousse  
Store Name: Peak Performance  
Store Address: Killington, Vt  
Phone Number: 802 422-9447  
Additional Comments:  
**GeoffD:** Smaller shop with great service. Racer-oriented and competitive bump skier oriented from family connections to Killington
Mountain School.

Bootfitter's Name: All Staff
Store Name: Green Mountain Orthotic Lab
Store Address: Stratton (adjacent to the lodge and lifts!)
Phone Number: 802-297-4405
Additional Comments:
Jonathan S.: Very expensive, but very cutting edge, and also right next to the lifts, with an integrated fitting/instruction program.

Bootfitter's Name: All Staff (but especially Ray)
Store Name: Basin Ski Shop
Store Address: Killington Access Road (very close to the ski area, on the right-hand side, driving toward the ski area)
Phone Number: 802-422-3234
Additional Comments:
Jonathan S.: Killington has some other good bootfitters, but Basin is the best.

Bootfitter's Name: All Staff
Store Name: Inner Bootworks
Store Address: Stowe Access Road (fairly close to the ski area, on the left-hand side, driving toward the ski area)
Phone Number: 802-253-6929
Additional Comments:
Jonathan S.: Stowe has some other good bootfitters, but Inner Bootworks is definitely the best.

WASHINGTON
Bootfitter's Name: Jim Mates
Store Name: Custom Boot Service
Store Address: 6500 4th Ave NW Seattle (Phinney Ridge Area)
Phone Number 206) 297-9298
Additional Comments:
NordtheBarbarian: Jim's only business is ski boot alignment, bootfitting and insoles. In the summer he works at Mt. Hood with racers on snow (coaching and alignment). His customers included a lots of racers
(including USST members) and instructors.

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