

## FIELD TESTED

**WEIGHT:** 14.8 oz. (medium).  
**PROS:** Five gear loops. Women specific design. Very comfortable.  
**CONS:** Waist to leg loop ratio may not suit all women.  
**BEST FOR:** Sport and trad climbing, multi-pitch climbing.



### Petzl Luna

\$74.95 / [PETZL.COM](https://www.petzl.com)

**My first harness was the Petzl Dionysis**, which debuted in 1999. At a whopping 25 ounces, the Dionysis was the Cadillac of cushy sport harnesses. A lot has changed in the world of gear since 1999, but what hasn't changed is the comfort of Petzl harnesses.

The new Luna, updated for 2018, is softer than its predecessor and the new pressure distribution design produces no hot spots when you're at a hanging belay or working moves. I found the wide waist belt incredibly comfortable as I fruitlessly swung and hung up my project. At 17.4 ounces (for a size medium) this harness is just shy of three ounces heavier than the older model, but is still a light delight compared to my old Dionysis, and certainly as comfortable.

The new Luna has five large gear loops, so you can carry a ton of gear: two oversized rigid loops up front, two smaller flexible ones further back that don't interfere if you're wearing a pack, and a bonus extra-large fifth rear loop. There is also a nicely sized rear tag loop for multi-pitch essentials. If you need lots of gear, this carrying capacity will be hard to beat.

My only quailm with this harness is the fit, and that is no doubt personal. The leg loops and waist belt are quick and easy to adjust, but for me the leg loops did not cinch down very tight, while the waist belt barely fitted over my hips.

—Alee Russell

**WEIGHT:** 13.2 oz. (medium).  
**PROS:** Large rear accessory loop and tag loop. Versatile. Men's and women's models.  
**CONS:** A touch minimal for long hanging belays.  
**BEST FOR:** Multi-discipline climbers.



### BD Technician Women's

\$79.95 /

[BLACKDIAMONDEQUIPMENT.COM](https://www.blackdiamondequipment.com)

**I have shoes for all occasions:** desert cracks, granite cracks, limestone sport, gym climbing, multi-pitch trad, single-pitch trad, bouldering—the list goes on. I wouldn't know which to choose if told I could only have one pair. I do, however, know which harness I would choose. The Technician is a fully adjustable multidiscipline women's harness, as appropriate for hard sport climbing as it is for ice.

Not only does BD give us four perfectly sized molded gear loops that make racking up and selecting gear a breeze, but also a large accessory loop and a bonus tag loop for good measure: priceless if you're racking up for big days on multi-pitch routes. The four ice clipper slots make it suitable for ice and mixed climbing.

The compact design is reasonably comfortable for hanging in, considering it's a low-volume model, although you might start to question your life choices after an hour at a hanging belay. The harness comes in four sizes, from XS to L, and is fully adjustable to ensure a good fit.

The Technician was well up to the challenge of heavy use and performed faultlessly during trad, sport, alpine and multi-pitch outings. I'd recommend this harness for climbers who dabble in multiple climbing disciplines, but want one harness with which to meet all their whimsical climbing desires.

—HR



**WEIGHT:** 9.4 oz. (medium).  
**PROS:** Light, comfortable, breathable. Excellent "3D" fit. Custom size combinations.  
**CONS:** Small, difficult-to-clip haul loop. Ice-clipper slots overlap gear loops.  
**BEST FOR:** Rock climbing quiver-of-one.



### Edelrid Ace

\$130 / [EDELRID.COM](https://www.edelrid.com)

**The weight-versus-comfort conundrum has boggled minds** ever since we moved out of swami belts. Do you go ultralight and suffer numb legs, or do you lug the extra ounces to feel human? With the Ace, Edelrid proves that you can have comfort in a lightweight harness.

The Ace uses Edelrid's new "3D-Vent Lite" technology—thin bands of webbing sewn into a three-dimensional shape—to distribute pressure, cut weight and allow breathability. The leg loops are non-adjustable, but their stretchiness and curved form hugs your legs, and Edelrid offers custom size combinations for the belt and leg loops.

For long project sessions, or on the flip side, endless belaying, nothing in the same weight class matches the Ace in fit and comfort.

You could use the harness for both rock and ice climbing, but the ice-clipper slots are smack-dab in the gear loops, which clusters things up, and the non-adjustable leg loops make a tight hole for alpine boots, so the Ace wouldn't be my first pick for winter use.

The harness is, however, good for just about everything else—from projecting to send burns to all-day multi-pitch endeavors. If you could only own a single harness, the Ace is your quiver of one.

—Hayden Carpenter