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Climbing Clothing Review

Featuring: Index Shorts, Vantage Pants, Ferrosi Hoody

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I had a chance to check out some of their climbing oriented pieces this spring, and I was impressed, to say the least.

First up, the Index Shorts. These are a long short that come down past your knees, but not as far as the ever ambiguous man-pri. Now, I happen to dig the man-pri's as I think they are super functional, but the smart folks at OR realized that not everyone is comfortable with it.



For those days when I did want a pair of pants, however, the Vantage Pants quickly became my go to digs. The cotton/spandex blend offers the perfect combination of durability and unrestricted movement in this simple, yet effective, package. Plus, they're great for just hanging around the camp fire at the end of the day when the temperature drops.



Last up is the Ferrosi Hoody, a lightweight softshell that's a great standby piece to keep in your pack for when the wind kicks up or a light rain begins to fall before you've made it back to the car. It offers excellent wind resistance and some water resistance, though if it starts dumping you'll get wet pretty quick. For days with good weather, though, it's an excellent choice for alpine rock climbs, as the fabric is durable, and the low profile hood is designed to fit under your helmet with ease.



And there you have it. Just like that, Outdoor Research has become a serious contender in the world of climbing clothing. Next time you need to replace some worn out shorts or pants, take a look at what these guys have to offer, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised, just like me.