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Tips to Choose a Superior Pair of Ice Skates by [Orson Paige](#)

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Ice skates or glides mean a lot to the professional ice skaters and also to those who have a strong passion for ice skating. A good pair of skates is the one that provides comfort to the skater so that he or she can skate well. Therefore, it is very essential to learn the techniques to identify and maintain a right pair of glides. Here are some tips that can help you to buy the perfect pair for you and also to keep them intact.

Select the pair of boots in which you feel comfortable and relaxed. Make sure that the heel of the boot fits easily around your ankle as it is necessary for the turning and curving movements during skating. The boots should also provide the essential support to your ankle so that both the ankles will bend easily during skating. It is also needed for the pointing and flexing movements of your foot. The boots should be spacious enough to twist your toes.

Choose the blades as per your requirements. There are many types of blades available for the ice skates. Purchase the blades that fit properly to your boots. There are advanced freestyle blades that you can purchase. These blades have intense, intricate and large picks. For ice dancing, you can buy the dance blades. These blades are usually shorter on the heel end. Before buying the blades, check that whether the screws are properly fixed to the blades or not and take the pair which is tightly screwed. After taking the quality blades, place the blades under the center of the boots. This makes the blades to run smoothly over the ice.

After skating on the ice, make the habit to sharpen the blades every time. You can also get them sharpened from the skate-technician or from a person who is expert in figure skates. This will not cause the slipperiness of blades.

Get your ice skates waterproofed from the retailer at the time of purchase. The retailer will apply the waterproof coating over the skates. This is done to protect the skates from absorbing the water through the ice. If your skates are old, you can polish them at your home too. The waterproof cover increases the life of the skates and save them from breaking up.

Wipe off the water from the boots and blades of glides after skating, and dry them completely. This will maintain the gleam of the skates for longer time.

Don't forget to purchase the blade guards that protect the blades from excessive pressure. You can select the matching color guard for your ice skates. Blade guard is made of plastic and a string is attached to it so that it can easily tie to the blades.

The above tips will definitely assist you in searching a suitable pair of skates for your feet.

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