

## dj Orthopedics Introduces DonJoy eXtreme™ Sports Knee Brace

New lightweight, low-profile brace withstands high demands of extreme sports

SAN DIEGO - dj Orthopedics, LLC, a designer, manufacturer and marketer of products and services for the orthopedic sports medicine market, announces the introduction of its innovative DonJoy eXtreme™ braces, designed for athletes who practice physically demanding or high contact sports. These custom-fit braces are lightweight and low-profile, but durable enough for extreme sports such as motocross and skiing, according to Brian Moore, product manager for dj Orthopedics. "The DonJoy eXtreme brace was designed by extreme athletes for extreme athletes," said Moore. "It provides maximum protection and comfort for extreme athletes with its high-strength aluminum frame, sleek design and sport specific accessories. We developed the product to enable clinicians to custom-fit the brace for patients who engage in high contact sports, including motocross riding, skiing and rodeo."

Along with DonJoy's patented Four Points of Leverage for unmatched A/P protection, the eXtreme braces have a continuous 1/8-inch frame constructed of 60/61 T6 aircraft aluminum for lightweight durability. To enhance the fit and suspension of the brace, swiveling strap tabs allow the straps to accommodate the varying positions and movements required during extreme sports. A medial thigh cut-away offers total clearance of the thigh for riders and also prevents pinching of the thigh for skiers or riders who wear braces bi-laterally. Additional accessories that enhance the eXtreme braces include the eXtreme Impact Guard and Medial Ski Deflector. Designed to protect the shin and knee from blunt blows, the Impact Guard has been designed and tested to meet the rigorous requirements of athletes on the motocross track. The Medial Ski Deflector, as featured on the DonJoy eXtreme Ski brace, was designed to keep the medial hinge from "hooking up" with the athlete's opposite knee or brace, when wearing braces bilaterally. During the research and development phase, dj Orthopedics asked top U.S. Ski Team members, team doctors and motocross riders to define their expectations for an extreme sports brace and to test prototype models. Now some of those professional athletes are using the new DonJoy eXtreme braces that they helped to develop. The DonJoy eXtreme is a custom-fit brace, designed to allow contouring to the patient's leg for a secure fit on the broadest range of patients. The brace is designed to aid in the treatment of ACL and collateral ligament injuries as well as for prophylactic bracing.

dj Orthopedics is a global orthopedic sports medicine company specializing in the design, manufacture and marketing of surgical and non-surgical products and services that repair, regenerate and rehabilitate soft tissue and bone, help protect against injury, and treat osteoarthritis of the knee. Its broad range of over 600 existing products, many of which are based on proprietary technologies, includes rigid knee braces, soft goods, specialty and other complementary orthopedic products and its recently introduced line of surgical products. These products provide solutions for patients and orthopedic sports medicine professionals throughout the patient's continuum of care. For more information, please contact Donovan Roche at (619) 234-0345 or via email at roche@formulaPR.com.

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