

Barigo Watches

- Alpine 48
- Altimeter Compass 45

Barigo have recently arrived on the outdoorsman watch arena, though they have been producing high quality barometric pressure sensing instruments for a long time. A quick look at the respective manuals soon indicates there is a big difference between these two watches.

The Alpine 48 offers a high specification with the skier definitely in mind. Modes include barometer, altimeter,



Compass 45 (left) and Alpine 48

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Compass 45 on test

compass, ski, and of course, time. Each mode has a selection of functions within it, offering the user a lot of information. There is a

'weather forecast' that shows when in the time mode. The temperature is indicated, but the watch should be removed for about thirty minutes to get an accurate reading that is not influenced by body temperature. There is so much that this watch can do it would take a complete issue of **C&S** to record it. I took the Alpine 48 with me when on a ski trip and did find that the push buttons were a bit easily pressed by clothes and could be tripped by ski wrist straps, so I often found it in a different mode. The backlight has its own button, unlike the 45; useful, and lights up the dial well. The face and display items

are smaller than those on the 45 so not as easy to read but still good.

The Compass 45 is slightly larger and heavier. Altimeter range of both is -700 to +9000 metres, so will take you from the Dead Sea to the top of Everest, with a little to spare. Both are quoted as waterproof. The comprehensive manuals tell a story, with the 48's being much thicker. Both are competitively priced and have very high specifications so are worth a close look, but it will take more than a minute or two to sort out all that these, and others watches in the range, will do for you.



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