



The SPIKE XT can be assembled with single or double barrel heel attachment. We can achieve similar performance from either heel attachment up to size mondo 28. Larger boot sizes require more spring travel and stronger loads, hence the double spring assembly for larger sizes.

Despite initial impression, there is no difference in the torsional response between either single or double barrel. The carving responsiveness of the SPIKE XT is all in the clamping action and stiffness of the toe box, the heel attachment does not play into this aspect of the binding's performance. My foot size is mondo size 26.5, I find that there is no difference in performance whether I use single or double barrel. The difference that I do notice is the increased weight of the binding for the double barrel.

For skiers with larger foot size, the extra weight is worth it, double barrel will give you a much smoother, deep tele ride and turn transition. The springs and heel parts are less stressed and will last longer.

So, for most skiers with boot size up to mondo 27 to 28, I recommend single barrel heel. If you tend to ride very low and like to have your knee on the ski, you may benefit for double barrel in a smaller boot size. Double barrel definitely adds a cool factor to your set up and may be worth the extra cost for that alone...

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