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It is used by modern climbers as one of the last methods and tools for creating belay and rappelling anchors and protection on a route, since the placement and removal of pythons damages the rock and leaves ugly python scars. Yvon Chouinard in the Yosemite Valley with many pythons before climbing El Capitan in the 1960s. Chouinard created the original Black Diamond pythons. Photo courtesy Black Diamond While pythons, also known as pins and pins, were once the main means of protecting climbs, they were replaced by nuts or chocks in the early 1970s and then cams in the 1990s as preferred defensive methods. That said, pythons are still useful tools for climbers in places where a mother or camera doesn't work, with dirt- or gravel-filled cracks for example, and support climbing if the clean aid trick won't work. Pythons are also used by Alpine climbers who hammer them with ice-filled cracks anchors. Shape is a simple climbing tool with several different components. Anvil The end of the python you hit with a hammer. Eye The hole at the end of the python that clips a carabiner into Shaft The long part of the angle python that is driven is an excellent one. Blade The long, thin part of the blade python that folds into a crack. Lost Arrow pythons, made by Black Diamond, are blade pythons with an eye and a glued blade shaft. Photo courtesy Black Diamond. Blade pits are exactly those – pieces of metal with a thin and blade-like axis. Blade pythons vary in thickness even as thin as a knife blade (these are called, of course, knife blades) to those that are about a centimeter thick (barely half an inch thick). The length of blade pythons varies from about an inch to usable length about five inches long. The blade is tapered by the thick anvil and the eye of the python to the end, where it is very thin. Today, three types of blade pythons are used: knifeblades, Bugaboos and Lost Arrows. All made by Black Diamond Equipment, America's leading python manufacturer, with traditional styles designed by John Salathé and Yvon Chouinard. These are all hot forged conical pythons manufactured from hard chrome-molybdenum steel (called chromium moths). Bugaboo Snape, made by Black Diamond equipment, is a kind of knifeblade python with two eyes clipping carabiner. Photo courtesy Black Diamond Knife blades are thin pythons that are best used for extremely thin deep cracks. At one time, a rack of knife blades was the only way a climber could aid in a thin crack in the large walls of Yosemite Valley. Today climbers use other aid climbing tools to cause less rock damage by rising thin cracks, including black diamond peckers and Moses Tomahawk, both of which can be manually positioned for clean support placements. Still, serious support for climbers should have some knife blades on the rack, especially placements horizontally roofs, and expanding flakes. The most commonly used knife blades are the thicker (#2 and #3 Black Diamond, not the thinnest. Bugaboo pythons, also used in Black Diamond equipment, have thick knife blades for two eyes, which offset 90 degrees clipping carabiner in different positions, especially if they are placed in tight corners. Lost Arrow pythons by Black Diamond equipment, the best and most versatile blade pythons used by the aid climbers. Photo courtesy Black Diamond Lost Arrows blade pythons make not only excellent and useful climbing tools, but also works of art. Lost Arrow pythons, originally named John Salathé in the 1940s, are the only pin that any serious support climber has for his large rack of equipment. Lost Arrows are extremely durable as well as versatile. They fit into thin cracks that are too small for a nailpit, small camera or mother, but too big for a knife blade, woodpeabra or Tomahawk. La's are durable and last a long time, which is great because they usually take a lot of beatings on relief routes. Back in the early days of Yosemite's great wall climbing in the 1960s and 1970s, Lost Arrows was essential to success, but now, with all the clean support gear available, Lost Arrows have been resold out of an extra of most racks. Most modern support for climbers is usually only #1 #3 Lost Arrows, the shorties that are most useful. The longer Lost Arrows are used less often for support climbs. Long Dong is often used as a mother cleaning tool. Lost Arrows are also good for use in stacked python placements when the pins are placed back in the back or paired with an angle python for a shallow placement. They are also good if you beat a half inch or so and tied up in a loop of straps. Lost Arrow pythons, manufactured by Black Diamond equipment, come in eight different sizes- short thin, short medium, short thick, wedge, long thin, long medium, long thick, long dong. Photo Angle pythons made by Black Diamond equipment, which come in different sizes half an inch to one and a half inches thick. Photo courtesy Black Diamond Angle pythons are made of a sheet metal, which is folded through a U, V, or Z shape that reduces the weight of the python. The eye is drilled through the metal like a carabiner hole. Angle pythons were once the most commonly used pythons not only for their support routes, but also for free climbs in the days before nuts and cams. Angles tend to be easy to place and clean, they come in a wide variety of sizes and lengths to accommodate each crack, and have a strong anchor, especially belays and rappels. The shape of the angle python allows you to compress and expand the crack when it's hammered, giving a solid defensive point high holding force. Angles are easy to over-drive, so they are often left with fixed cracks as they can't be easily hammered out without being severely the rock. The classic angle python is no longer the staple of a large wall climbing rack, as different sizes of nuts, offset cams, and small cams securely fit into most of the cracks where the angle was once pounded. Most modern climbers only carry a few angles on their racks, and those that don't carry are often sawn off short. Short angles work great in shallow sheaths, where they can be tratted and tied with a strap loop. Angles work well in wet cracks, as well as shallow python scars and holes, where they can often be placed by hand. The most commonly used angle pythons are manufactured by Black Diamond equipment and come in six sizes from 1/2-inch to 1 1/2-inch. The two smallest sizes, 1/2 and 5/8, are commonly referred to as baby angles. Baby angles are often used as a fixed anchor similar to a screw sandstone; They beat a hole drilled into the rock and left as a permanent anchor. The variation angle of the now extinct Z-shaped Leeper pythons, which were ideal for creating python piles with other angles inside shallow holes, and was a staple of any large wall rack in the 1970s. Bong pythons were once used by rock climbers to protect from wide cracks in the rocks, but are rarely used now. Photo courtesy Black Diamond Bong bongs, usually just called bongs, are not a smoking device, but the largest pythons have wide cracks. The bong is a large angle python made of sheet metal that is folded half-width from two inches to four inches. Climbers rarely use bongs now because of their great camming tools and other special wide range of excellent gear like Big Bros to protect large cracks more easily and not damage the rock. Bongs made of steel and aluminum, aluminum is the preferred metal as it was lighter than steel. Aluminum bongs, however, use it faster than steel can. Bongs also had rows of holes drilled into the metal to reduce its weight. Climbers also turned bongs sideways in pounds with six inches wide cracks. The name bong bong came from the resonant sound that the python made when it beat a crack. Steve Roper, a Yosemite climber in the 1960s, recounts the history of the hookah in the northeastern buttre of the higher Cathedral spire in the Yosemite Valley; For this ascension Dick Long ... brought with it some prototype giant nail pythons ... climbers to the higher spire ... mystified by the bonging sound... bong-bong soon became the name of each python wider than five inches.

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