



Ueli Steck climbing Biography

December 28, 2008: Speed record on the Grandes Jorasses. Ueli Steck climbs the Colton-Macintyre route via the Alexis variant in 2 hours and 21 minutes. Ueli Steck has now climbed all three important Northfaces in the Alps (the Eiger Northface, the Matterhorn, and the Grandes Jorasses), soloing them all and by setting new speed records for each route.

September 26, 2008: Ueli Steck und Simon Anthamatten are honoured with the „Prix Courage 2008“ for their courage and unselfish rescue action at the Annapurna on May 2008. They didn't hesitate and helped two comrades in need.

29./30 August 2008: First freeclimb of the new route „Paciencia“, the most difficult sportsclimbing route in the Eiger Northface. Length 900m, 27 pitches, difficulty 8a.

May 30, 2008: Ueli Steck was honoured with the „Eiger Award“. This award has been given away for the first time.

April 2008: while preparing for Annapurna Southface, Ueli Steck and his team mate Simon Anthamatten summit Tengkampoche climbing in a first ascent through Tenkampoche's technical difficult and demanding northface (6500m), 2000m high, in Khumbu Valley, Nepal. They called this new route "Checkmate". Difficulty: VI/85 degrees, ice M7+ / 6A0.

February 13, 2008: almost a year to the day since he first broke the speed record for climbing the North Face of the Eiger, Ueli Steck sets a new fastest time soloing the face in 2hr 47min 33sec.

February 2008: mental and physical perfectionism. Several routes free solo, such as Hot Tuna (7c), Schweizerhalle (7b+), combination Hot Tuna/Quasar 8a. All routes were climbed in the climbing region of Leen near Interlaken.

April 2007: during his acclimatization time for his Annapurna project, he climbed solo the West Face of the 7161m Pumori in only 24 hours up and down. His attempt to climb the Annapurna south face (8091m) on a direct route was stopped all of a sudden. A stone hit him straight on his head. He had to interrupt the expedition immediately.

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February 2007: he sets a new record climbing solo the classic Heckmair route in 3h54minutes. He broke the old record, which was held by Christoph Hainz since 2003

July 2006: Ueli summited with two companions the 7710m East Peak of Gasherbrum 2 after having completed the first ascent of Magic Line.

Early 2006: Ueli completed the second and this time solo ascent of his route "The Young Spider" on the Eiger. During 5 days, Ueli climbed through the Diretissima on the North Face.

2005: nomination for the "Piolet d'Or" (comparable to the Oscar in the filmindustry)

2005: Spring, two weeks after Tawoche, attempt to summit Ama Dablam. Due to bad weather, Ueli Steck had to back off from his summit attempt.

2005: Spring, two weeks after Cholatse: first solo-ascent of Tawoche (6506m).

2005: Spring: first solo ascent of 1500 meter high Cholatse Northface (6640) in only 37 hours.

2004: Winter solo-ascent of Eiger Northface and several other shorter routes, all solo

2004: Free Solo routes of "Excalibur" and "Silberfinger"

2004: North faces of Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau in only 25 hours together with alpinist Stephan Siegrist

2003: first freeclimb of "La Vida es Silbar" in the Eiger Northface. Length 900m, difficulty 7c

2002: 28 pitches "Blood from the Stone" (5.9, A1/M7+, WI6+), first ascent at Mount Dickey in Alaska

2001: first ascent Eiger Northface "The Young Spider", one of the most demanding routes through the wall, a Superdiretissima.