

Icebug Acceleritas 9 RB9X – Gear Review

Overview

The Icebug Acceleritas 9 RB9X is a minimalist trail-running shoe designed for runners, hikers, orienteers, and obstacle-course racers who demand maximum grip and low weight. Inspired by tractor-tire tread patterns, the shoe emphasizes ground feel, agility, and traction on wet and muddy terrain while maintaining an exceptionally low wet weight.

Weight

- Single Shoe: **7.97 oz (226 g)**
- Estimated Pair Weight: **15.9 oz (452 g)**

Key Specifications

- Weight: 7.97 oz (226 g)
- Drop: 4 mm
- Outsole: RB9X™ non-studded traction rubber
- Upper: Perspair® woven Jacquard fabric with aramid reinforcement
- Fit: Regular with slightly roomier toe box than previous versions
- Best Uses: Trail running, orienteering, swimrun, OCR racing, fast hiking

Comfort & Ride

The Acceleritas 9 delivers a near-barefoot running experience with a highly flexible platform and minimal cushioning. The low stack height allows excellent ground feel and precise foot placement on technical terrain. Runners accustomed to maximalist shoes may require an adjustment period.

Traction

Traction is the defining feature of the Acceleritas platform. The aggressive tractor-inspired lug pattern and RB9X rubber compound provide outstanding grip on mud, wet rock, grass, and soft trail surfaces. Few non-studded shoes match its off-road traction capabilities.

Wet-Weather Performance

The Perspair® upper absorbs very little water, helping maintain nearly the same weight when wet as when dry. This makes the shoe particularly effective for muddy races, swimrun events, and wet trail conditions.

Durability

The reinforced Perspair® upper incorporates strong aramid fibers to improve durability while reducing seams. Despite the lightweight construction, the upper is designed to withstand demanding off-trail use.

Pros

- Extremely lightweight
- Exceptional traction in mud and wet conditions
- Very low wet weight
- Excellent ground feel and control
- Durable reinforced upper

Cons

- Minimal cushioning may not suit all runners
- Narrower performance-oriented fit
- Not ideal for long road sections
- Limited protection compared to maximal trail shoes

Best For

Trail runners, orienteers, obstacle-course racers, swimrun athletes, and minimalist runners who prioritize grip and agility over cushioning.

Editor's Rating: 9.3 / 10

The Icebug Acceleritas 9 RB9X is one of the lightest and grippiest trail shoes available. For athletes seeking maximum traction, low weight, and direct trail feedback, it represents an outstanding choice for technical off-road adventures.