

If there is one thing we do, it's finding ourselves in the coldest conditions possible. As an 'Outdoor' television producer, sitting it out in the toughest elements is my job.

This season our job was to produce a show highlighting 3 people from Cajun country goose hunting in northeast Kansas in early February. Forecast predictions called for white out snowstorms, 30 mph winds, and temperatures never rising above 20 degrees, and this time the weather man got it right! My concern was keeping not only myself, but also my guests warm over 4 days of lying in the snow pursuing Canada Geese.

I turned to the **exo<sup>2</sup> The Heat Inside** battery powered clothing system to keep us in the field. A combination of heated insoles (HeatSoles), vests (StormWalker Vest), and lower back warmers (HeatWave Heated Back Supports) were all used and exceeded our expectations.

The insoles were a saving grace, on these types of layout blind goose hunts you do not get to move around much and toes freeze first. The insoles work so well in fact, we often turned them off using them as a warm-up when things started to get cold. Using them like this, the already strong battery life lasted an entire day's hunt.

Layout blind goose hunts are just that, you lay down on the frozen ground, so we put all our hunters in HeatWave Heated Back Supports. This provided us a layer between our bodies and the frozen snow covered corn field below. The system was especially appreciated by a 13 year old girl on our hunt, who admitted to me it was a lot easier to nap during the down time when you're warm.

Personally, the best advantage I had using the **exo<sup>2</sup> The Heat Inside** products was their vest. Despite the temperatures, the vest kept me warm enough to not wear a heavy parka. By only having a long sleeve short and the StormWalker Vest I had full range of motion. This improved my ability to shoot, ability to call, and ability move inside my layout blind; overall it improved the quality of the hunt.

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