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Featuring: The FlapJack Pack

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It's been a while since we took on a bag, but we have quite a few that will be featured as part of 32ReviewsIn32Days. Bags come from all sorts of companies with all sorts of background and Osprey's is rather storied. Today we look at one of their consumer bags, the Osprey Flap Jack.

Osprey has focused, from what we can tell, on products made for the (extreme) active lifestyle. And not just, let's go camping in Big Bear, in 2001 they had a bag on the cover of Time Magazine resting on the back of someone climbing Mount Everest. Throughout its history, the company can be defined by three commitments: commitment to the environment, to making bags comfortable for each gender and a commitment to quality.

The Flap Jack features a large top portion that covers all three pockets, it's secured via two straps. The main pocket houses a padded pocket (more on that later) and most the storage for the bag. The second pocket uses velcro inside the pocket to secure it shut and features some mesh storage options. The third and final pocket is a single zippered pocket that is found below the words "Osprey." The latter two are significantly smaller than the former, yet all are covered by the bag when shut. In addition there is one side pocket for bottles that is zippered.

With 1500 cubic inches of storage, we'd classify the Flap Jack as a medium to medium-large bag. The major advantage to the design of the Flap Jack is the height. The straps that secure the main pocket are obviously adjustable, meaning that the Flap Jack is one of the rare examples where users can control height of a storage compartment. The middle pocket features the standard organization pockets found on your average bag. Two mesh pockets are split by two pen holders and face opposite a standard key ring clip. The main pocket features a draw-string that allows for you to keep your notebook protected from outside liquids. The straps and pack portions feature a gel-like ridged padding that extends all throughout and provides a unique fit. In addition to the padding, additional support straps are not only present, but also adjustable in terms of height preferences.

If you are buying this bag, we imagine you want a bag that you can use to haul your notebook and other accessories Monday-Friday, go hiking on Saturday and bring to the beach on Sunday; and then do it all over again. Wouldn't that be a great life? Anyways, that's what the Flap Jack allows you to do.

