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Road Test

Featuring: Momentum 26

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The way I picture it, when the designers sat down to create the Momentum, they referred to a commuter's wish-list of features and started figuring out what they could incorporate and what they would need to get rid of. Fortunately, I don't think there were too many things crossed out. I was sent the 26 liter pack by Osprey to try out.

The Momentum has an expansion panel which is activated by a single zipper that runs the three-quarters perimeter of the bag. I've said it before and I'll say it again but the attention to detail Osprey puts on straps is unparalleled. Let's face it, straps the difference between a good fitting pack and one that bounces around. There are quite a number of innovations here. The most interesting is that the pack can convert from a backpack to a "briefcase." I attended a bike to work event yesterday and instead of hanging my helmet on my handles or lugging it around with me while I balanced a plate of yogurt and granola in the other hand, I just strapped it to the back of the bag. I also like that Osprey put reflective strips all over outside of the bag, but in a very minimalist way. There's also a raincover that is quickly deployed from the bottom of the pack.



When you are riding your bike to work each day, you want a pack that does exactly what you need. No more, no less. I think the Momentum 26 really hits the sweet spot between size and functionality. It has everything including the kitchen sink. Its series of compartments keeps things separated and organized and its cycling specific features such as a helmet attachment point and pocket for keys and your cell phone show purpose-driven design philosophies.

Clearly, the team at Osprey either commute themselves or sat down with those who do. At the price point and considering how much use one would get from such a bag, I would not hesitate to recommend it.

