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Featuring: Momentum 26

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Osprey has a full lineup of bags that includes models for hiking, travel bags, and even child-specific offerings, but the Momentum 26 tested here has been designed with bike commuting in mind. The bag's name refers to its 26 liters of storage capacity, although that figure increases to 31 liters when the zippered expansion panel is utilized, providing enough room for a change of clothes, your lunch, and whatever else you'd like to bring to work with you. A dedicated sleeve provides a protected place for a laptop, and a zippered pocket on the shoulder strap is ideal for a phone, camera, or wallet, with the opposite strap being home to a key pocket that incorporates a clever retractable clip - no need to remove the bag to unlock the front door, and it also keeps you from dropping your keys. Your helmet can be clipped onto the bag via a plastic section that is attached to stretch cords, allowing you to slip it through one of the helmet's vents and snug it down. The entire package becomes easy to deal with thanks to tuck-away shoulder straps that turn the Momentum 26 from a backpack into a handbag, complete with a side handle. Color options are bamboo (tested) and carbide. MSRP \$129.00 USD.

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Pinkbike's Take: We used the Momentum 26 strictly for commuting, choosing to go with a smaller and more trail-specific pack for off-road use, although we could see a trail guide or first aid rider making use of the bag's cavernous hauling capacity. We liked the sectioned storage area that splits the bag into three sections: the laptop sleeve, a big area for clothing and gear, and a smaller, zippered section for any tools or odds and ends. This let us keep things separate from each other that shouldn't be mingling, such as our lunch and our laptop. There is also plenty of room for clothing, enough so that we never found ourselves having to do the 'ol squeeze-and-zip routine in order to close the bag up. The bag's shoulder strap pockets are a massive plus in our mind - why more bags don't employ something similar is a mystery to us. The cell phone pocket allowed quick access to our phone if we needed to answer a call or take a quick photo, and the retractable key clip on the opposite pocket simply makes a ton of sense. Because we're based in B.C., we had ample opportunity to try out the bag's rain cover, deploying it from its zippered pocket at the bottom of the bag countless times. A small clip at the top allows you to access the bag's upper reaches without having to completely remove the cover as you might if it simply stretched over the entire bag, and it proved to be able to keep out all of the moisture. The bag is well thought out, with plenty of clever details that make sense in the real world. We recommend the Momentum 26 to any rider who commutes to work and needs enough room for a change of clothes.

