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Traveling light when it comes to needing a jet-liner to get around isn't just nice these days, it's strategic. Not only will a carry-on help you avoid baggage fees, but a tough, well-designed carry-on will protect your stuff from all the other carry-ons people try to shove into the overhead. And Osprey likely has a bag for you.

Planning a weekend getaway? Then the company's line of Ozone Ultra-Light luggage is something to consider. These heavy duty, wheeled bags obviously were influenced by the company's backpacks: There are ample pockets for stowing big and small items, a mix of tough ballistic and heavy duty nylon went into the bag's construction, and a 6001 T6 aluminum frame supports it.

How big should you go? The Ozone 22 offers 2,807 cubic inches of storage and weighs 4 pounds, 8 ounces, while the Ozone 28 offers nearly 5,000 cubic inches of space and weighs 5 pounds. There's even an Ozone 18, which holds 2,197 cubic inches and weighs an even 4 pounds, a size great for youngsters.

The main bag's front panel zippers open for easy packing and unpacking. Inside you'll find compression straps to hold your clothes tight, zippered side pockets for small items, and a zippered mesh pocket running the length of the front panel. On the top of the bag you'll find another, small, zippered pocket for items that you need quick access to. Need more space? There are two zippered pockets on the outside sides of the front panel that run the length of the 22-inch tall bag. And, finally, there's a zippered panel on the rear panel of the bag for magazines, a book, legal pads, whatever. Oh, wait, there's also a smaller zippered mesh panel inside that back panel for smaller items such as pens, pencils, paperbacks. Two external compression straps help keep this bag from exploding if you overstuff it.

To haul it around, you can either pull out the extension handle and put the polyurethane wheels to use, grab it from the padded top handle, or grab it from one of the two padded side handles.

In short, this is a tough, compact piece of luggage that will help you navigate airliners, and airports, with relative ease.

