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Review

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When fully loaded, this pack is amazingly comfortable on my hips. The suspension system is well padded and allows for adjustment on the trail. Being able to move the hip belt higher and lower on my hips while hiking is a great option for me. Sometimes I like the hipbelt to be above my hips and sometimes I prefer it below my hips, in addition to the usual location wrapped around my hip bones. With the adjustable hipbelt extender pieces, these adjustments can be made on the trail with ease. The ability to move the hipbelt to relieve pressure points during a long trip carrying a heavy pack is a great feature.

I'm impressed and excited to start field testing the Osprey Volt 75. The volume is quite a bit larger than I've carried recently, but I have two young children that have started to backpack with me over the last year and I can use the pack to carry some of the additional gear I need for them.

Intended to be light on bells and whistles, the Volt adequately met my needs on a 4-day backpacking trip in Idaho's Copper Basin. I was very pleased with the pack. It was quick and easy to adjust the Volt adjustable torso and suspension: shoulder harness adjustment straps, shoulder stabilizer straps, sternum strap, and the hipbelt to get a proper and precise fit. The shoulder straps and hipbelt fit nicely, and they have been very comfortable, no pinching, etc. The suspension has done a great job transferring the bulk of the load to my hips, thereby minimizing strain on my lower back. Having had lower back problems for years and lumbar fusion surgery a couple of years ago, this is of great benefit for me. The effective transfer of weight to the hips has been even more evident due to a recent shoulder injury. I do not feel as much weight hanging from my shoulders as I have with other packs I have used. The suspension also kept the load close to my back, which prevented issues with balance, etc. I must say, the Osprey Volt suspension system has impressed me thus far.

