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Momentum 30

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★★★★☆ 4 stars (1 reviews)

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The obsessive organizers at Osprey have, in the newly redesigned Momentum commuter series, a pack that lets you put everything—every single thing—in its right place. Of course, there's a dedicated, padded pocket for your laptop, which will accommodate a computer of nearly any size, but that's just the beginning. Inside the main compartment, there's a second sleeve sized for an iPad or magazines, and four mesh organizing pockets for your work or workout essentials. A smaller front pocket contains still more organizing pouches for smaller items. A stretchy front panel will hold an extra pair of shoes, or spare jacket in case the weather turns. What's that? You want more pockets? Well, don't worry: There are two zippered pouches on the bottom, ideal for small items that you want accessible. There's even a small zippered pocket on the right shoulder strap. If it rains, deploy the integrated, hi-vis rain fly from one final pocket on the bottom, and you'll ensure that all of your carefully organized gear gets home dry. External compression straps control your load—especially helpful if your bag isn't completely full. Of course, there's also a loop for a blinky light.



The Momentum, thanks to its contoured straps and Airscape mesh-over-rippled foam back panel, is a very comfortable bag when you're walking, or riding a bike with an upright position—like that on most city bikes. On a road bike, in a lower position, the narrowly spaced straps press uncomfortably into my neck, and the removable waist strap does little to help the bag stay in place—fortunately, the shoulder straps don't need much help.

The Momentum 30 is large enough for a day's supplies for the office, and a post-work ride, but it's too small for duty as an overnight bag. If you pack light for work, opt for the Momentum 22, \$130