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Featuring: Kestrel 48

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Comfort/Adjustability

Easy harness adjustment and standard back panel ventilation keep the Kestrel's lightweight suspension comfy for most users.

Stability

Load-lifter straps connect somewhat narrowly to the $\frac{3}{4}$ perimeter frame, allowing the upper pack to swing around more than expected.

Capacity

The big main compartment is prone to barreling when fully loaded, though using Osprey's hard-backed Hydraform water reservoir helped to minimize the problem.

Organization/Access

This pack has so many pockets! However, the Kestrel is at its organizational best when carrying a smaller load.

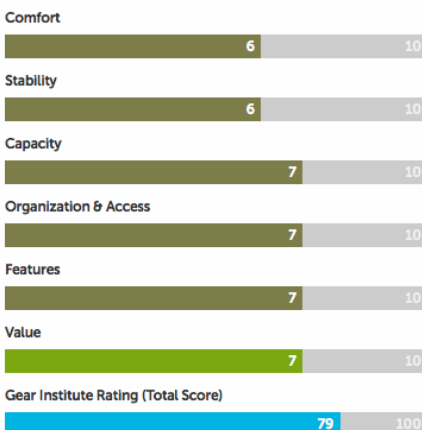
Features

Handy add-ons like Osprey's Stow-On-The-Go trekking pole attachment and an included rain cover round out a mostly well-built pack.

Value

The Kestrel is a good all around value for a variety of recreational hikers.

Ratings



How We Tested It

Testers carried packs on diverse outings from Joshua Tree Nat'l Park to the High Sierra from September through December 2012. Each bag was also subjected to standardized abrasion-abuse, artificial-weather-testing, and lab-based overloading to more accurately estimate real-world limits of Capacity and Feature-usefulness. Comfort and Stability ratings reflect consistent tester feedback as well as lab test results (Comfort rating also reflect the tune-ability of the fit).

