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Gear of the Day

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OSPREY

## Ozone 28"/80L

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## Gear & Bike REVIEW FINDER

Most of my travel involves packing both street clothes and riding apparel, and I often max out my carry-on's capacity even before I try to wedge in a helmet and cycling shoes. I've long since resigned myself to paying for at least one checked bag. And if I'm going to pony up, I want the bag to hold a decent amount and still be light enough to hoist onto an airport-parking shuttle, maneuver into and out of cabs, and heave off the baggage carousel.

But when the Ozone 28"/80L arrived at my doorstep, I feared it would not be able to hold enough. Built more like a backpack than a regular wheeled suitcase, it's constructed of lightweight nylon stretched around a minimal aluminum and injection-molded plastic frame. Because the main compartment collapses when empty, the bag doesn't look like much even though its 80-liter capacity is the largest in the company's ultralight Ozone series. (It also has two carry-on-sized roll-boards, a day pack, and small shoulder bag).

Turns out my fear was groundless. As I loaded the Osprey up the first time, it seemed to expand endlessly, to the point that I began recklessly adding more stuff. Two pairs of pajamas? Sure! A second helmet. Why not? An extra winter jacket? You never know. But at four pounds, 14 ounces (empty), it never got too heavy.

Other commendable features: An ergonomically designed, retractable handle that's easy to operate. When left standing, the bag stays balanced and never threatens to topple over. Large polyurethane wheels roll smoothly over carpet, floor, and bumpy sidewalks, and the bag stays stable without tipping precariously onto one wheel or another. Low-profile handles on the top, bottom, and each side make it easy to lift from any angle. A cavernous zippered main compartment is accessible from the outside; internal compression straps secure your belongings. There's also a zippered top pocket, two side pockets, and a rear panel pocket with a zipped mesh compartment for magazines, iPads, and small accessories.

This is a bag that will make you want to overpack. Which, in my opinion, is not a bad thing.—*Leah Flickinger*



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#### Osprey Ozone 28"/80L

A lightweight, high-capacity roller bag

