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Gear of the Day

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#### EDITORIAL REVIEW

The Rev 12 is a different sort of pack from Osprey. It's part of a new line designed for adventure racing and ultra-light adventures when you don't want to be weighed down with extra gear. The pack comes in two sizes and the smaller of the two, which I tested, has 610 cubic inches of storage space and weighs just 0.3 pounds (0.9 pounds with an empty bladder).

What I liked most was the way it contoured to my body. It uses Osprey's traditional bladder, but has a back panel that is more supple than most. The wide waist belt sat just above my hips and took some of the pack's weight off my shoulders. The shoulder straps are wide, well ventilated, and incorporate flexible material for a snug fit—Osprey calls it the BioStretch Body Wrap Harness. It works. The Rev also uses two sternum straps, which seems like overkill, but they did a good job keeping the pack settled, even as I bounced down rocky descents.

That minimalist design doesn't mean the pack lacks features—Osprey packs are regarded for their excellent organization. In addition to a cavernous main storage area, it has two mesh pouches and three zippered pockets: one up top and two on the wide waist belt, which I used often. I also appreciated the neat little compartment for a phone or GPS unit that Osprey calls the DigiFlip Media Pocket. It comes attached to the left shoulder strap and has a clear, weatherproof screen on the backside. To access your phone, just unsnap the compartment and flip it down.

The only real issue I experienced came on my first few test rides: I'd suck on the bite valve, but no water would come through. Turns out, the hose doesn't always sit flush when you connect it to the bladder. Once I started double checking that, water flowed freely.

At times I struggled to find gear that had slipped to the bottom of the main storage area, which left me wanting for better organization. But most of the time, especially this winter, I appreciated the large storage area. It made it easy to carry an extra jacket and pair of gloves, and all my other riding supplies. Light and stable, it's also one of the most comfortable packs I own. That's made it my go-to pack the past few months.—*Louis Mazzante*



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**Rev 12**

**MSRP : \$110.00 |**

