



The Best Women's Backpacking Backpack Review

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Featuring: Aura AG 50 – Editors' Choice, Ariel 55 and Viva 50

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Top Ranked Backpacking Packs – Women's					
Our Ranking	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
Product Name	 Osprey Aura AG 50 Read the Review	 Osprey Ariel 55 Read the Review	 Mountain Hardware Ozonic 58 – Women's Read the Review	 Osprey Viva 50 Read the Review	 The North Face Terra 55 – Women's Read the Review
Editors' Awards					
Price	\$230 List \$191 - \$230 online Compare at 6 sellers	\$260 List \$208 - \$260 online Compare at 8 sellers	\$260 List \$260 online Compare at 3 sellers	\$180 List \$143 - \$180 online Compare at 4 sellers	\$170 List \$169 online Compare at 1 sellers
Overall Score	84	76	75	76	74
Editors' Rating	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Pros	Lightweight, incredible back ventilation, streamlined design, comfortable, easy to remove top lid, wide range of fitting options and adjustments	Many adjustment options, stable with heavy loads, external hydration, spacious, burly construction	Waterproof, simple design, easy to use, spacious, adjustability	Uncomplicated design, well-built, durable Stretch Mesh pockets, inexpensive	Simple design, ease of use
Cons	Waistband attached to back panel, tight hip belt pockets	Excess straps on side and front, weight, small to regular sized water bottles swim in the side stretch pockets	Chunky back panel padding, not well suited for lightweight or short distance backpacking, lid tension, not hydration compatible	Noisy frame, bulky padding	Tightly stitched seams that restrict packing, few options for attachments or adjustments
Date Reviewed	Dec 10, 2015	Dec 10, 2015	Dec 10, 2015	Mar 06, 2015	Dec 10, 2015
Weighted Scores	Osprey Aura AG 50	Osprey Ariel 55	Mountain Hardware Ozonic 58 - Women's	Osprey Viva 50	The North Face Terra 55 - Women's
Comfort - 24%	9	9	8	7	8
Weight - 23%	7	5	6	8	6
Suspension - 23%	9	9	8	7	8
Ease Of Use - 15%	9	7	7	9	9
Adjustability - 15%	8	8	9	7	6

Editors' Choice Award: Osprey Aura AG 50



Osprey Aura AG 50

Price: Varies from \$191 – \$230
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The [Osprey Aura AG 50](#) is the best women's pack we have used. We awarded it as the Editor's Choice for its outstanding versatility with varying weight loads and objectives, comfort through three seasons, including hot summer temperatures, and the Anti-Gravity (AG) suspension that is supportive and far more breathable than any other pack in our review. AG incorporates a continuous mesh panel across the back and hip belt. It is tightly suspended away from the main body of the pack to create space for airflow and an exceptional suspension. This pack surpasses our expectations for comfort on the trail. It has a feminine design that is simple yet functional. It has plenty of organizational features including the stretch mesh pockets on the front and sides, and all the necessary adjustments for trips ranging in length from one night outings to weeklong adventures in the backcountry. The Aura AG incorporates every feature we loved from the older Aura design and steps it up a notch. For a do-it-all three season pack, it's hard to surpass the light weight and comfort of a women's specific pack like the Aura, equally capable of day hikes or thru-hikes.



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