

THE BEST BAGS AROUND

These cool carry and cart bags have refined their utility and styling

GOLF BAGS ARE LIKE GOLF BALLS: They look so similar it's difficult to see differences at first glance. So what makes the 21 bags on our annual Hot List stand out? The carry bags are light but sturdy, innovative without being a Rubik's Cube, and functional without being showy (stand mechanisms that didn't work easily or practically gored us received lower marks). The cart bags have tops that keep clubs organized and protected as well as ample storage, with pockets that are easily accessible when the bag is strapped to the cart. The Gold and Silver medalists presented here were selected by our Hot List judges.



GOLD

BAG BOY REVOLVER PLUS

\$180

Like previous Revolver cart bags, the Revolver Plus has a Lazy Susan top (*below*) that rotates 360 degrees for easy access to clubs. The full-length tubes are durable, and the molded club clips lock irons and woods in place to prevent damage. Other features include two external putter clips (replacing the putter wells on last year's version) and an insulated cooler pocket.



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GOLD

DATREK ASSAULT

\$180

This cart bag keeps you organized better than a personal assistant. Two external wells accommodate your putter and another go-to club. Three fleece-lined valuables pockets and a magnetic ball pocket with an easy-access ball drop are smart extras, and two rubber handles allow for easy lifting. The cart-strap sleeve (*below*) prevents slipping and has a nifty, easy-to-reach pocket.



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GOLD

NIKE COLLEGIATE

\$150

Few walk and carry more than college golfers, so it made sense for Nike to consult them. The result is a bag that's lightweight (five pounds), comfortable (air in the straps distributes weight evenly across the shoulders) and durable (the polypropylene plastic used for the base is flexible and strong). A clip (*below*) makes changing from a double strap to a single strap a cinch.



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GOLD

OGIO OZONE

\$150

Six pounds is a little more than we'd like to lug around, but this carry bag's cool features make up for it. Ogio rethinks everything, including small details like a Velcro strip to hold your glove and a magnetic scorecard pocket. The sloped top (*below*) provides easy access to all clubs and features dividers that separate woods from irons. A raised, sturdy rubber handle allows for easy lifting.



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