

CELLULAR SECRETS UNVEILED: What Carriers Don't Tell You

LAPTOP

MOBILE SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS & LIFE



WIRELESS REVOLUTION

WE TEST 32

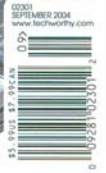
Devices That Break The Mold

8 ROUTERS REVIEWED
MOTOROLA'S HOT A630
LIGHTEST Wi-Fi NOTEBOOKS
WIRELESS BOOMBOX

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WHY WIMAX WILL SHAKE UP THE WORLD

SPYWARE SLAYERS
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PROTECTION WITH STYLE
18 Laptop Cases Reviewed



ROLLER CASES

BEST FOR

People with too much stuff and not enough hands. Not only do roller cases have plenty of room for your laptop, printer, projector, and other necessities, your shoulder doesn't have to support the weight of all these goods.

BUYING TIPS

Be sure that your case will hold everything you need. Balance the size, weight, and capacity against how you normally travel. Pay careful attention to the carry-on size limits of the airlines that you fly most frequently. You don't want a roller case that you'll have to check as baggage, especially if you're planning to work during your flight.

Jansport TL57 Wheeled Optimizer \$160

If mud, puddles, potholes, or anything else make wheeling the TL57 around an itty proposition, it has a built-in solution—it converts into a backpack. Simply unzip the rear zipper and pull out the nicely padded shoulder straps. The layer of fabric that covers the straps folds down and fits over the wheels, so even if they're a bit dirty, you won't be.

Inside the green fabric case, there's plenty of room—1,560 cubic inches—though the TL57 isn't quite as well insulated as some of the other cases we tested. We found that with some judicious packing, we could fit most of our Big Pile of Stuff (See how We Tested on page 99). We were able to get the laptop, printer, and projector into the case, and still have room for a book, a three-ring binder, and folders. There are also exterior pockets for a water bottle and a CD player, complete with a top-mounted flap for the headphone cord so you can remain comfortable and engaged as you travel.

★★★★☆ www.jansport.com



McKleinUSA - Style No. 70783 - 4 1/2 Stars!

McKlein Detachable Wheeled Backpack 70783 \$140

McKlein's silver and gray (or solid black, or red and black) ballistic nylon model looks like a typical roller case. As with the Jansport case, in situations where it's inconvenient to wheel it (like a steep set of stairs), a couple of quick zips reveal a set of shoulder straps. If you want to use the case primarily as a backpack, you can detach the entire wheel and handle assembly to lighten the load.

You can fit a laptop as large as a 17-inch-screen model inside the case's nicely padded compartment. We also managed to pack our printer, projector, handheld, cell phone, binder, textbooks, and a few folders.

With lots of pockets, it's easy to gain access to a cell phone, PDA, or document you need to access quickly. The only negative is that the hard plastic bottom piece, which is part of the detachable wheel assembly, somewhat limits how far the case can stretch.

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www.mckleinusa.com



Pacific Design Rolling Deluxe \$100

The Rolling Deluxe proves that you don't have to spend a fortune to get good quality and capacity in a roller case. This compact, 18 x 12 x 10-inch case easily accommodated our notebook, projector, printer, and had room for either a three-ring binder or a few textbooks, plus some folders. There were also plenty of interior pockets for other necessities like a cell phone, a PDA, and even a change of clothes.

A hard plastic interior shell lines the nylon case, and provides impact resistance for the contents. A zipper on the interior lining underneath the laptop compartment lets you stuff in some additional padding (not included) if you want a bit more protection. Two handles, one on top and one on the side, make it easy to lift the Rolling Deluxe when necessary.

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Style No. DIVISION | 70783 US Patent # 6,595,334
Nylon 18" Detachable-Wheeled Laptop Backpack

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