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Filson Extra-Large Wheeled Duffel
Oil-treated canvas, vegetable-tanned bridle leather, and heavy-duty brass hardware make this 807-liter roller look and feel old-school durable. **[\$495; filson.com]**

Crumpler Free-Standing Edwardian
An 82-liter roller with semi-rigid sides from the masters of messenger bags. **[\$520; crumplerbags.com]**



Patagonia Free Wheeler Max
Struts integrated into the sides of the Patagonia's 123-liter recycled polyester body fold flat so the bag stores easily. **[\$399; patagonia.com]**



Osprey SpaceStation 100
It's a 100-liter packbag inside a frame of aluminum and plastic tubing, with high ground clearance, ready for rough terrain. **[\$249; ospreypacks.com]**



Tumi Vapor
The 25-inch roll-top vapor encases your gear in a lightweight polycarbonate shell with rubber bumpers on the sides and corners to protect the futuristic high-gloss styling. **[\$495; tumi.com]**



TEST 1 GRAB-HANDLE STRENGTH

We put 50 pounds of bricks in each bag, held across feet of walking in the grab handle on top, anchored the other end, and pulled each roller out a window.

Only the Tumi hit the ground. Its handle tearing out on one side, the Patagonia's top handle ripped partially but held, a testament to CEO denim polyester. Even the Filson's bulky leather loop lost a few stitches and ran off its six fasteners. Neither the Osprey's frame roll-cum handle nor the Crumpler's simple fabric handle even wobbled.

TEST 2 RIP RESISTANCE

We tied the bags to the back of a Dodge Ram and dragged them down a crease at 45 mph. Twice.

When the steel of laser polymer choppers, the Filson's steel ones were several dime-size holes, while the Crumpler's front looked like it had been stabbed a dozen times with a hot soldering iron. The Osprey's tubing survived as a roll cage, protecting everything save the front mesh pouch, which gored a few vents holes. Both the Patagonia and the rubber-bumpered Tumi suffered nothing more than minor scrapes.

TEST 3 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

We lined up the bags in front of the truck and did our best *Clay Aiken* impression.

The Osprey and Filson survived 7200 pounds of barrel steel without complaint, while the Patagonia cracked with one hairline crack in the wheel housing. The Crumpler collapsed like a stepped-on Solo cup, its frame permanently warped. Then we cringed as the rag Tumi heaved under the Dodge's tire, before springing back with a creak in the shell and one zipper pull MIA (but the other working too).

TEST 4 WATER RESISTANCE

After all the abuse, we soaked the bags with a high-powered hose. *Defiant!* We call this a serious test for a reason.

The Patagonia and Osprey, both boasting water-repellent treatments, fended off our downpour. The Filson held out for a few minutes before water penetrated its oil-treated canvas. Some H2O seeped through the Tumi zipper, but otherwise it stood like a big plastic duck. On the other end of the spectrum, the Crumpler proved that it can also double as a sponge.

FINAL INDESTRUCTIBILITY SCORES

Osprey A few scrapes, but the only one that ached every test. Winner! 9	Filson Lost some stitches and rivets, but it looks better with the scars. 6	Patagonia A worthy contender with no major problems. 7	Tumi A firmy handle, but otherwise it was surprisingly resilient. 7	Crumpler Lived up to its name. But hey — how "hard" that handle! 2
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