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Featuring: The Flap Jack Courier

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Laptop-Ready Messenger Bags

Rated number one of the 26 messenger bags evaluated, the L.L.Bean Apex (\$50; five colors; *near left*) excelled in our durability tests and had all the features you could want, including a comfortable padded strap, interior and exterior organizer pockets, a cushioned laptop section, a top grab handle, and a water-bottle pouch. For a slightly smaller option from Bean, check out the Heatwave (\$40; 16 colors and patterns). The lightweight, petite Ecogear Fjord (\$30; in two colors) is made of sturdy fabric produced from recycled water bottles. Osprey's FlapJill Courier and FlapJack Courier, *far left* (\$79; three colors each), ranked high with testers. The smaller Jill is super portable, though it holds less gear than (and isn't quite as durable as) the Jack bag.

