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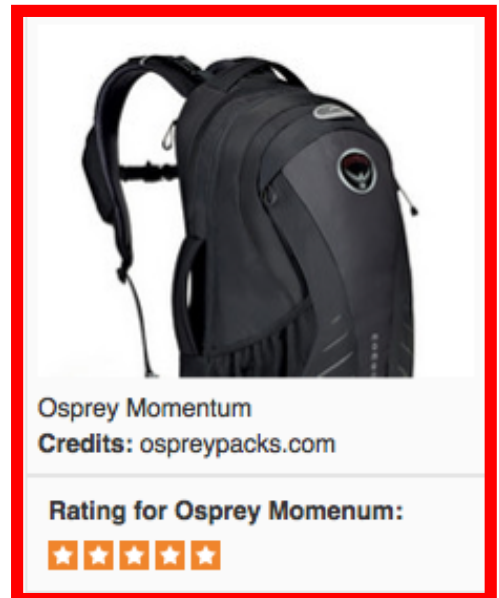
Featuring: Momentum

Monthly Traffic: 6,998,878

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Factor in all you must carry when bike commuting and the thought itself is more grueling than an uphill commute into a headwind. It all has to fit inside a pack that doesn't make you feel like the Sherpa. That's why my new best bike commuting friend is the Osprey Momentum. It has all the standard pockets and compartments that are expected from a pack, but with some unique extras.

Osprey actually sat down and considered the evolution of the cell phone. When you're riding and your phone rings, you want the phone where you can easily reach it. That's why Osprey put the phone pocket on the shoulder strap for quick access and lined that pocket with a soft material to protect your phone. A large, glove-friendly zipper pull allows super-easy access. The padded laptop sleeve holds your 17" laptop snugly and is located in the middle of the pack and not against the back panel. LidLock™ helmet clip: This is a nice feature and quickly secures your helmet to the pack after your ride. Just pull the LidLock away from the pack, pass it through an air vent in your helmet and voila. Key pocket/key guard: Osprey designed this zippered pocket on the shoulder straps to stash your keys. Glove-friendly zippers make this feature even more useful and accessible. You can also use this pocket to stash your MP3 player. The best way to get hit by a car is by being invisible. A car's eye level is just about at your back—which is why Osprey put the blinker light attachment there. Tuck away hipbelt and shoulder straps system. Integrated rain cover: This is a highly visible (neon yellow) rain poncho with reflective materials and a built-in blinker attachment tab to increase safety. It will also keep your laptop dry and all items inside the pack dry. I'm pleased it's standard on a commuter pack. It stashes in its own



This is an impressive pack. Genius incarnate at its finest. For the bike commuter, it has everything you need and everything you need is conveniently and thoughtfully located.

