

PRODUCT REVIEW BY ADAM WILLIAMS

DOWCO'S FASTRAX LUGGAGE

Grasshopper's bags of enlightenment

THE OPEN ROAD ... MY MACHINE AND I, RIPPING past giant, four-wheel-drive suburban tanks, each burdened with the old ball and chain, kids, and all the accoutrements. But not this guy. Nothing holds me back, as I roam from town to town like Caine (David Carradine) in Kung Fu. With my sled and the ability to pack everything I need in only a tail and tankbag, I'm spreading a different kind of justice, instilled not from a Shaolin master, but a master bagger.



I will now enlighten you with a secret: Fastrax Elite Sport and Adventure luggage by Dowco. That's it: easy-on, easy-off bags with plenty of storage and style to spare. Features include an outer shell made of durable, 1680-denier polyester; lockable, waterproof zippers;

nine interchangeable color swatches to match your tin, and a rubber bottom to protect your paint.

I was impressed with how carefully thought out and well constructed the bags are. The tankbag (\$119.99) has a little spot for all the modern distractions: cell-phone, MP3, etc. It's also set up with a hydration-bladder pouch in case you need a drink

(no, not that kind). Topped off with a removable map panel, the bag also unzips and expands a few inches in height. A series of strong magnets hold the bag in place.

The tailbag (\$109.99) is a bit bigger and unzips to expand 4" in height, plus it has a weather-proof canvas bag that can be strapped on top for more storage. The bag's held down with four adjustable straps affixed with rubber, so when tied or looped in place it won't move even when wet. Brilliant!

All in all, these are great bags that are ready to go the distance. What more can a lone wolf ask for? AIM

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