No matter what kind of bag the occasion calls for, Samsonite’s Convertible Tote Backpack’s got you covered with 5-in-1 convertibility. Backpack, crossbody, shoulder bag, tote or handheld large clutch – the lightweight multifunctional bag from Samsonite’s Encompass Collection is constructed of water-resistant nylon with vegan leather accents and trims and features a personal business/organization front pocket and a dedicated RFID pocket sized for a passport, plus room for a 14.1” laptop and a pocket for a water bottle. It is available in black and Bordeaux. MSRP: $160

Championing the spirit of the modern executive, Royce/Emporium Leather Company’s Black Pebble Grain Work Brief, a lightweight and versatile streamlined briefcase, has ample space for laptop and other business essentials, both at the office and on the road. Handcrafted in full grain pebbled leather in Royce’s artisan workshop, this briefcase is as handsome as it is durable. MSRP: $500

For the busy entrepreneur who likes to keep things light and organized, the 15” Underseater from Travelers Club® offers a compact design yet holds an extensive amount of gear. It incorporates patent-pending 2-IN-1™ versatility, giving travelers a choice between the USB port and adjoining slit pocket/phone holder and the benefit of 1680D ballistic polyester. The Underseater has a fully lined interior with accessory pockets and a middle clear PVC divider bag for extra organization, top carry handle, push-button retractable trolley handle and inline blade wheels. It is available in black, purple and navy blue. MSRP: $100

it’s all in a day’s work

Today’s bags are equipped with features to help keep your business charging forward – designs that make sense and exceed needs, organization that is accessible and flexible.

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From Fox Luggage’s Tokyo Collection, this lightweight yet extremely durable bag in polycarbonate features multidirectional spinner wheels. Measuring 18” x 9” x 14.5”, it offers a fully padded laptop pocket and front zippered quick-access compartment. The bag weighs 7.7 lbs. MSRP: $300

Offering an unmistakable French look and refined finish for the luxe traveler, the Chatelet Soft Air Collection, an extension to DELSEY’s iconic, vintage-chic Chatelet Hardside Collection, comprises a variety of durable pieces, including a backpack. Sporting a three-dimensional chevron pattern and weighing only 2.2 lbs, the backpack has a hidden front pocket, two separate compartments and a removable pouch for small accessories. For added security, both tablet and laptop sleeves can be accessed from the back of the backpack, located under the shoulder straps. MSRP: $139.99

Good for you. Good for the planet. It’s the Targus 15.6” Balance™ EcoSmart® Checkpoint-Friendly Backpack from Targus’ Balance EcoSmart Collection. Earth-sensitive materials, including recycled water bottles and PVC-free materials, combine with an ergonomic design in this backpack, a 2018 Green Good Design™ Award winner. The bag also features safeguarding details, including the SafePort® Sling Plus suspension system to help protect your laptop in case of drops. MSRP: $79.99
Compact with a slim silhouette, LODIS’ Nia Convertible Tote Backpack offers a removable, adjustable strap to transform the backpack into a crossbody bag or vice versa. The bag is stylish and sophisticated with a beautifully lined interior, an exterior front zip pocket and interior pockets to hold sunglasses and smartphone. It is available in oxblood, army green and saddle. MSRP: $348

Cabrelli & Co. Fashion Executives’ Peggy Plaid Rollerbrief is a showy sophisticate in gray plaid PVC, a top zip roller with a front zip pocket, second top zip compartment and two side pockets. Sized to carry on, the bag has inline wheels and fits a 15.6” laptop and tablets of any size in a removable sleeve. MSRP: $229.99

Modern nomads meet Moshi’s Hexa Backpack. Featuring lightweight, simple construction with a refined aesthetic, Moshi’s first nylon-constructed backpack is designed to be carried every day. A spacious interior holds a laptop up to 15” with enough extra room for all your other belongings. For more security, Hexa features an external RFID pocket to secure personal information found on credit cards and your passport. It is available in midnight black, khaki brown and forest green. MSRP: $120
The TUPLUS X2 Carry-on in aircraft grade 6 aluminum alloy has already won two awards – the Red Dot Design Award and The International Travel Goods Show Product Innovation Award – and it’s no wonder. With patented one-touch opening with built-in TSA-accepted lock, invisible hydraulic hinges and a zippered functional lining that makes it easy to organize and protect your stuff, this case goes the extra mile. Add a one-piece pull rod that adjusts to three heights, ultra-quiet Mecanum wheels that allow your case to move in any direction and an exclusive authentication number and you have the whole package – and one perfectly suited for both business trips and leisure travel. MSRP: $529

Signal Brands’ Signature Basique Quattro G is a stylish and sporty business bag for the active professional. Incorporating the Guess Signature logo branding for a sophisticated statement, this bag is designed with function and fashion, allowing for multifunctional pockets and an interior padded sleeve that secures a 15” laptop. An adjustable nylon strap allows maximum drop for shoulder or crossbody wear. MSRP: $98

The Kenneth Cole Reaction Tech-It Collection gets down to business with its 1680D Polyester Dual Compartment 17” Laptop Business Backpack with USB Charging Port. Featuring Techni-Cole™ RFID, this multi-compartment pack is designed to perfect the organization of your business essentials. The exterior USB port has a pass-through cord to an interior charger pocket for powering electronics on the go. Pockets are plentiful and accessible. MSRP: $200
Three-day trip; one-case packing. Meet Aleon’s 22” all-aluminum vertical-opening Weekender Business Carry-on. Arrange business essentials in the bag’s interior padded laptop or tablet sleeve, zippered and open pockets and loops for writing instruments. Stash work docs or larger laptop in the bag’s suspended divider. A compression packing area and full-size packing cube hold clothing. This case opens vertically while sitting on dual quad wheels, so getting to your assigned seat and accessing items needed in-flight is easy. Additionally, the business section can be removed and the case converted to a vertical-opening carry-on. MSRP: $499

Featuring next-gen versatility, Ricardo Beverly Hills’ Cupertino Convertible Tech Backpack, in durable 840D polyester with faux leather accents and touch points, is designed for everyday use as well as business and family travels. Modern and versatile, it offers resilient fabrication, two zippered organizer compartments – including padded pouches for a laptop and a tablet – comfortable hide-away back straps, plus a handle pass-through strap for transporting the pack on top of a suitcase. MSRP: $180

Today’s business travelers may be more casual, but they still want everything organized and easy to access. Enter Eagle Creek’s Wayfinder 40L Backpack, offering the max carry-on size for a short business trip or weekend excursion. Built with separate compartments for laptop/tablet, it has hidden tech pockets for phone and charger, enabling you to simultaneously charge, use and walk. A new finish made from recycled windshield coating (Recycled PVB) makes this bag even more environmentally friendly, as well as stain- and water-resistant. MSRP: $129
Increase the safety of your tech gear with Mancini’s Backpack for 15.6” laptops with RFID Secure Pocket from Mancini’s Buffalo Collection, which represents the fusion of contemporary styling with the raw urban look of oiled buffalo leather. Featuring padded compartments to protect tablet and laptop, this functional collection fulfills business and personal needs with style. Amenities: large main compartment, padded laptop compartment, an organizer with RFID-secure pocket and multiple side and front zippered pockets. MSRP: $299.99

Sleek, structured and lightweight, McKlein USA’s fully lined Harpswell 17” Nylon Dual Compartment Laptop Briefcase is built to be used in public transportation settings; the slim and compact design allows users more mobility in tightly packed environments. Equipped with a padded laptop sleeve and multiple interior pockets, the leather trimmed bag helps keep belongings safely tucked away and protected in weather-resistant Nano Tech-Light nylon fabric. It comes in green, khaki, black and navy. MSRP: $240

Whether it’s frequent flyers taking their tech on the road or execs heading to their next business meeting, the lightweight hybrid design of the Heys Charge-A-Weigh 21” Carry-on combines the durability of hardside luggage with the convenience and functionality of softside pockets – and lets travelers stay powered up and avoid those overweight baggage fees. Amenities include a dedicated, cushioned 15.6” laptop compartment, easy-access exterior front pocket, power bank pocket, two USB charging ports built into the case exterior and an integrated digital scale built into the top handle for weighing your luggage. MSRP: $299.99
Travelon®’s Anti-Theft URBAN® Incognito Backpack is an instant office – it features a Tamper Secure zipper and hidden locking compartments with a padded slip pocket that holds a 15.6” laptop and a large tablet. A bag with exceptional business organization, it also has pockets and pouches for cords, adapters, power packs and external drives to keep business travelers on top of their game, plus a secret RFID-blocking pocket on the shoulder strap that tucks away credit cards and transit passes. Available in slate and black, the backpack is a buoyant 24 oz. MSRP: $100

Sleekly designed for the unplugged on-the-go minimalist who carries only the bare essentials, Briggs & Riley’s @work Slim Brief still surprises with smart features and clever organization, including a full complement of pockets – from an RFID-blocking pocket to padded laptop and tablet compartments to slip, bloused and zipper pockets to a corner SpeedThru™ pocket for quick storage of items at security checkpoints. A slip-through back panel allows the bag to slide over most Briggs & Riley Outsider® handles for the seamless transportation of two bags as one and a leather nameplate on the front panel can be customized with monogrammed initials. It is available in black with black leather trim and gray with brown leather trim. An all-leather model joins the collection this fall. MSRP: $269

Perfect for on-the-go professionals, Pacsafe’s versatile Intasafe Slim Brief securely transports your indispensable tech, including a laptop up to 15” and phone, plus passport and other essentials, keeping everything sorted in internal organization compartments. Anti-theft technology, including RFIDsafe™ blocking pockets, Slashguard anchor strap, Roobar™ Deluxe Locking System and Secure Zip Tab, delivers peace of mind so you can pack for the day, lock up and look the part. MSRP: $129.95
Jack Georges’ Voyager Collection’s #7527 Tech Backpack is the SUV of backpacks, with a padded compartment for a 17.3” laptop, designated tablet pocket, accessory pockets, plenty of space for essentials and organizer pockets for a phone, wallet, pens and more. Perfect for the professional on the go, the bag is made from hand-stained buffalo leather. It measures 18” x 13.5” x 5.5”. MSRP: $432

With a unique expansion system that more than doubles its capacity, external USB port for charging and thoughtfully designed compartments, the ultra-durable G-RO Backpack XV steps up to both the daily commute and longer trips. Utility comes via three handles for flexibility and briefcase carry, an office compartment with organizational pockets and tablet pocket, a padded laptop compartment easily accessible from both sides and top, water-protected external USB port, easy-access front pockets and a secret back pocket. Available in ultra-durable, water-resistant materials, the bag also has an ergonomic, adjustable strap system. MSRP: $279; $399/carbon fiber model.

The Exec from Olympia USA is a confident rolling business bag in black with plenty of storage: laptop and tablet compartments, front zippered pocket with internal organizer, dual side mesh pockets, detachable wet pouch and a file organizer with mesh pocket. Constructed of 1680D poly-ballistic, the bag has a push-button gun metal telescopic locking handle, corner-mounted jumbo inline ball-bearing wheels, rear add-a-bag sleeve and comfy grip handle. MSRP: $300

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