

Cee Bailey's saddlebag and system case liners

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FOR THE SERIOUS, LONG-DISTANCE moto-traveler, nothing is more important than efficient packing. With a full business travel schedule underway this riding season, we sought out a set of travel bags that would allow utilization of every square millimeter of our BMW's system case capacity, and ultimately settled on this Cee Bailey's set. After several week-long sojourns, they have proven themselves many times over, making packing and unpacking a well organized, pain-free experience.

Cee Bailey's bag liners impressed us for several reasons. First, they are designed to fit the exact internal contours and dimensions of the saddlebags/cases with perfect precision. This makes packing off the bike a snap because there is no guesswork as to what will fit and what won't, unlike a generic liner which may or may not

make use of all the available space.

Second, they are clearly designed with riders in mind. The heavy duty polyester cross weave material is very rugged, as well as easy to clean. A PVC vinyl backing keeps the shape of the bags intact, for easier packing and a neater appearance. Two-way zippers on both sides of each saddlebag liner ensure easy access, on or off the bike. Internal zippered pockets and external webbed pockets allow for greater compartmentalization of various items. Handling is via robust carry straps woven into the bag fabric, and removable/adjustable shoulder straps are also included – very convenient when your hands are full walking into the hotel for check-in, for example. Subtle details like a water-resistant exterior and 3M reflective piping on the bag ends demonstrate an impressive attention to detail that is not common in other liners.

Third, they are made to fit a wide variety of motorcycle brands, models, and

aftermarket cases. Model-specific bags are available for BMW, as well as specific liners for Caribou, Givi, and Jesse cases. The website lists descriptions for the selection available, so check for fitment on your particular bike.

Finally, they are very reasonably priced. The system case test set for our 2009 R 1200 RT test mule, consisting of two 12" high x 16" long x 8.75" wide liners, cost \$99.95. A matching liner for the OEM BMW 49L topcase, measuring 11.75" high x 20.25" long x 9.25" wide, costs \$79.95. Either set is available in black or gray at no extra cost. Frankly, for American-made quality gear that boasts a one year warranty, it's an outright bargain – less than half of what BMW is asking for its branded liner set, for example, and a worthwhile addition to any traveling motorcyclist's gear collection. For more information, visit <http://www.cebbaileys.com/cycle/index.html>. ☺

