

PRODUCT REVIEW

BMW Black Collection Rear Bags

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Small Bag



Large Bag



Inside Large Bag

BMW's Black Collection rear bags offer riders of the marque a fashionable and extremely functional means of adding significant portable storage as required. They're available in two sizes: Small (35 liters, expandable to 42 liters) and Large (50 liters, expandable to 60 liters.) In general, they share all materials and features in common, so choosing which bag to go with is simply a matter of how much stuff you want to carry.

The rugged exterior of these bags is TPU-coated and water resistant. As their name implies, these bags are black with minimalist blue trim and strategically placed reflective accents. Access to the interior is via rubberized lockable zippers, which open a wide U-shaped lid that covers entry to the main compartment. A mesh pocket with its own zipper lives on the underside of the lid, and two additional exterior pockets (one per side) flank the main compartment for more storage. Eight thick fabric hooks line the circumference of the bag, which make perfect mounting points for mesh straps, bungees, and other add-ons. Overall approximate exterior LxWxH dimensions are 16" x 12" x 12/14" for the small bag and 21.5" x 12" x 12/14" for the large bag. Expanding the bags is actuated via a circular zipper and only takes a few seconds.

The interior is a bright blue color and can be used with or without the included waterproof inner bag, which operates via Velcro roll closure. BMW recommends three rolls of the material for a completely waterproof seal. Even

the small bag can hold a size L full face helmet, and at a whopping 60 liters, the large bag's cavernous capacity at full expansion dwarfs my RT's already massive 49-liter topcase.

BMW designed these bags for easy mounting to bikes equipped with rear luggage racks. The Black bags slide over the luggage rack lips for added stability at speed and are equipped with tethers to tie them down securely. They're rated to carry up to 11 pounds at 80 MPH. (Note: These bags are not recommended for use on either S 1000 RR or R nineT models.) Off the bike, straps are included that allow the bags to be carried over the shoulder, or like a backpack, or like a standard bag held down low with one hand. Depending on the load, this ergonomic versatility makes for more comfortable carrying after a long day on the road.

I've been using the bags since the summer of 2023 in every conceivable environment, including very heavy downpours. Over 20,000 miles of use, they've proven to be robust in construction and utterly functional. Not a drop of the cursed wet stuff has ever leaked inside, and the large bag can literally swallow the kitchen sink. What more can the traveling long distance rider ask for?

BMW Black Collection Large Rear Bag
Model 77495A0E757 – MSRP \$376.00

BMW Black Collection Small Rear Bag
Model 77495A0E758 – MSRP \$320.00

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