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The large Pro Shooter's Bag by i-SHOT.



i-SHOT RANGE BAGS BY FLINT HANSEN

Depending on your point of view, all the “accessories” that go along with the shooting sports are either a blessing or a curse. This is most evident during an excursion to the range or a match.

One “accessory” that is almost mandatory anymore is a good range bag to hold your extra handguns, ammo, eye protection, hearing protection, stapler, tape, cleaning gear, etc.

I was recently sent two range bags for evaluation from i-Shot—a relative newcomer to the shooting industry. The bags are dubbed the Pro Shooter's Bag (PSB) and the Mini Deluxe Range Bag (MDRB). The two bags, both manufactured from 600-denier polyester, were developed over a period of eight months after i-Shot solicited ideas, suggestions and feedback from shooters.

The Pro Shooter's Bag measures 18”L x 8.5”W x 10”H. The main bag features dual, heavy-duty #9 zippers running the length of the bag on top of the case offering easy access to the contents. The zippers are secured in the closed position with an end flap and two snaps. Dual wrap-around handles at the top of the bag also secure with two snaps. I-Shot prefers the use of snaps to Velcro®, because snaps won't degrade the nylon webbing or pick up debris.

On one side of the bag there is a full-size flap which unzips on three sides of the bag. Inside this cover are eight elastic loops for securing magazines or other gear.

The reverse side of the bag has a 7” x 8” open top pocket. Stitched to the outside of this pocket is another pocket, which zips closed and also features an ID window on the exterior.

One thing I really liked about the design of the PSB was the shoulder strap arrangement. The padded shoulder strap attaches to “D” rings on diagonal corners of the bag. This permits more weight to be carried without the bag hanging to one side. There are four additional “D” rings (two on each end) for attaching additional gear or other carry options.

The PSB is a bag-in-bag type design. Contained inside the main compartment is a second bag which measures 17.5”L x 8”W x 7.5”H. On each side of the

inner bag is a large, zippered, padded pocket for handguns or other gear that needs padded protection. The pads in this pocket are removable and can be used as a gun rug once you arrive at the range. Also included in the interior of the main compartment is a third padded gun rug with a zipper closure. Additionally, the inner bag has a padded eyewear pouch, a collapsible square pouch and a detachable brass bag. The brass bag has a drawstring with a sliding plastic keeper to hold it closed.

The Mini Deluxe Range Bag is a briefcase-sized bag measuring 15”L x 4”W x

The Mini Deluxe Range Bag is the size of a briefcase and is loaded with features.





The Pro Shooter's Bag is a bag-in-a-bag design. Each side of the removable bag has pads which protect handguns while being transported, but can be removed and used as a gun rug at the range. A third padded gun rug sits at the bottom of the main bag. The detachable brass bag (left) can be seen here, as well as the padded eyewear pouch on the inside of the removable bag.

The zippers on one side of the Pro Shooter's Bag zip all the way down, allowing easy access to eight elastic loops for magazines.

Metal snaps, as opposed to Velcro®, are used to secure the zippers and wrap-around handles on the bag.



10"H. It has the same dual wrap-around handle and shoulder strap setup as the PSB (only two "D" rings), and also uses #9 zippers for smooth operation. Also like the PSB, one side of the bag unzips along three sides allowing access to a padded eyewear pouch, a detachable brass bag, and two additional zippered mesh pockets. The opposite side of the bag has a shallow, zippered pocket.

satile as the Pro Shooter's Bag, the smaller MDRB still has room for ear protection and a couple boxes of ammunition.

Opening up the MDRB reveals a padded pistol pouch on either side, and ten padded magazine pouches—five on each side. While not as roomy and ver-

In summary, these are quality range bags. But I have saved the best for last: The Pro Shooter's Bag has a suggested retail of only \$49.95, and the Mini Deluxe Range Bag has a suggested retail of \$39.95. Sold! ©

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