

# It's ALL in the Bag!

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Until recently, a trip to the shooting range would involve me struggling to open the door to my local indoor range with two gun cases in one hand, several boxes of ammunition in the other, and targets, ear and eye protection, and other miscellaneous items balanced precariously on top of the gun cases. I had to pile everything on the counter while I signed in, then scoop it all up again and try to make it through the double doors into the range without dropping anything. On the way out I would repeat the scenario in reverse while checking to make sure I hadn't left anything behind and wishing I'd been born with four hands. It was probably entertaining to watch, but it was pretty inconvenient for me. I knew there had to be a better way: Enter the Dillon Modular Range Bag.

My first thought upon tearing open the box and pulling out the Range Bag was, "Wow, this has a LOT of compartments! How on Earth am I going to fill it up?" (Being relatively new to shooting, I haven't yet accumulated the large amount of "gun stuff" that most long-time shooters seem to have.) My second thought was that the bag is even sturdier than it appears in photos. It was very apparent at first glance that this is not a cheap knock-off bag you can find at a gun show for 15 bucks.

Every side of the bag is foam padded to protect the contents and the bag is very well made. The seams are well constructed and the zippers glide smoothly with no snagging. The combination of zipper and Velcro closures on the main compartment is sure to keep the contents secure and all the detachable compartments allow you to keep all of your equipment organized. The bag can be carried by the handles or by the contoured, padded quick-release shoulder strap made with a slip-resistant material that helps keep the strap comfortably in place. The black color resists becoming fouled with powder residue or stained from dirt and grime even after being used outdoors and set on the ground frequently.

The bag is a bit smaller than I'd expected with the main compartment being 14"L x 7"W x 9-1/2"H. Don't let its compact size fool you, though – this bag seems to turn into a bottomless pit once you open it up. The removable side and end compartments – 12"L x 3"W x 9"H and 7"L x 2"W x

6"H, respectively – are attached with a MOLLE-style fastening system which allows you to customize the bag for your needs. You can even attach extra compartments to the existing ones to expand the storage space further. There are pockets and pouches everywhere, some with zippers and some with Velcro closures, and there is room for everything you could possibly wish to carry – I'm still looking for a pair of sunglasses I tossed in there the last time I went out to the range.

The included open-topped Stage Bag is removable and has its own set of handles for easy carrying when you don't want to take the whole Range Bag. It comes with two dividers and

I found the compartments to be the perfect size for carrying boxes of ammunition as well as eye and ear protection. Both dividers are removable, though, so you can carry larger items as well. Like the rest of the Range Bag, the Stage Bag is thickly padded and very well made. The optional "Border Shift" ammo bag and Dillon Large Utility Box are also designed to fit in the main compartment of the Range Bag, offering even more ways to customize the bag for each shooter.

Also included in the Range Bag is a pistol pouch – a padded, zippered pouch just the right size to safely transport your firearm. It fits nicely in one of the outside compartments and is lined

with a soft fabric that won't mar the finish of your gun. Extra pistol pouches are also available through Dillon Precision for those who wish to transport more than one gun at a time.

There are many range bags on the market. Most of them are very similar to one another with regards to the various pockets and compartments for all your "gun stuff," so what makes this one so special? First, the quality is much higher than that of most other range bags. No shortcuts were taken during the design and manufacture of this bag and you can be sure it will serve you well for many years. Second, the unique design allows you to add or remove the side and end compartments as necessary to customize the bag for your needs; I haven't seen any other range bag with that ability. Finally, the compact size doesn't sacrifice storage space. I have never seen something that looks so small hold so many items. Now if you'll excuse me, I think I need to go look for those sunglasses....

