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# CARRYING KIT

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Camera bags come in all shapes and sizes; hard side, soft side, shoulder strap, and so on.

For the rough country shooter a backpack is the only solution.

The Cinebags backpack is designed to hold the popular 3 chip HDV/DV cameras up to a length of about 15 inches with room for accessories, side pockets for tapes, filters etc and a strap layout to hold a small/medium tripod. The interior has a number of Velcro attachable dividers but with the camera section full they can be repositioned along the side to give added protection.

The camera access is cleverly designed, the zippered opening is at the back of the pack so that the wearer's back keeps the compartment closed and careless loading will not result in the camera falling out. There is a dust cover that pulls over the camera and a well padded closure with storage for notes and small manuals. The pack is made of a robust material and is very well padded.

The shoulder straps are wide and comfortable and the load is well distributed on the carrier's shoulders and hips. The pack meets the carry-on measurements for airlines.

The regular price is \$169 but has been on special direct from the manufacturers at \$120. One negative is the large badge on the outside that proclaims "Cinebags. Life on Location", which tells the world too much about what may be inside, I blacked this out with a permanent marker. I used this pack on a documentary shoot in Uganda; it worked perfectly and was acceptable as an airline carry-on

Well designed, well made and should last a lifetime of rough country shooting.

Full details at: [www.cinebags.com](http://www.cinebags.com)

*This design is now discontinued, though you may find them on a dealer's shelf here and there. The company's new design, the CB-25 Revolution Bag is similar, but designed to carry the slightly larger HD cameras - there is even a limited number of these bags in camouflage colours. In mid December 2009 the price for the plain model was \$219.*

