



Golf Bag Buying Guide

The first question to ask when purchasing a golf bag is do you carry your bag, use a pull cart, or take a riding cart? This will determine the type of bag that will work best for you. After deciding which type of bag is best, appearance, price, pocket configuration, and top configuration are the deciding factors in picking the right type of bag.

Carry Bags.

Virtually all carry bags now have two straps for carrying and a stand to keep the bag off the ground. The two straps allow the bag to be worn like a backpack. Top configurations can be as minimal as 1 divider, and as extensive as a 14-way top for each club to have a specified place. Most have a 4-way or 5-way top. Most bags will weigh between 3-7 pounds. If you are a golfer that rides in a cart most often, but would still like the option to walk, a carry bag is likely the better option over a cart bag. Today's cart bags are virtually impossible to carry efficiently. Many golfers that do not walk, but want a bag that has a stand, will choose a carry bag.

Riding Cart Bags.

Specifically designed to be used with a riding cart, these bags have a side that is void of any pockets and this is the side that faces the cart. This configuration makes all the pockets accessible when the bag is on a cart. These are also the biggest and heaviest bags available for purchase. The majority come with a 14-way divider top, and a separate putter well. These bags will offer the most amount of pockets. If you prefer to keep all of your golf accessories on hand, a cart bag may be the way to go. If you want a bag with a large built in cooler, a cart bag is the way to go. These bags do not have a stand on them so they are more rigid so they can stand up on their own.

Pull/Push Cart Bags.

Pull/Push cart bags and riding cart bags have similar characteristics with one exception - the tops are reversed. Pull/Push cart bags are designed so the compartment for the woods is on top of the irons when the bag is on a cart. This is a small category of bags, and not every bag manufacturer offers an option here.