

They say first impressions count. It's certainly true here. Last night I picked up the latest addition to my camera bag armoury - the [Gura Gear Kiboko](#) . Now, these are not common bags so I want to do a proper review on it as my first thoughts suggest I may have found one of the best camera bags on the market.

Nothing is perfect, but from the moment I picked it up, I was impressed. It's a rucksack like many of my other bags, but crucially it is airline carry on sized. Somehow though, it still holds an enormous amount of kit. By enormous I mean it could take a 500mm and 600mm at the same time. Yes, a lot of kit.

So, what are the first features I spotted?

The weight. This bag weighs 1.8Kg. compared that to my biggest Kata bag (the only real one to compare it to in terms of how much it holds) and the difference is 3Kg. Yes, you read that right. 3 whole kilograms. That's a lot and makes a hell of a difference.

The Harness. While it's not a fully adjustable mountaineering harness like on my Macpac Ascent climbing pack, it's very good. Very very good in fact. I'm 6'4" and had no problem getting it comfortable.

Build quality. It's made from Polyant VX21. This is the material they use to make the sails on the America's Cup boats. It's light and it's tough. And the bag is put together so well, it feels bomb-proof.

The Padding. A little more testing is needed before I give it an unreserved thumbs up, but I was worried before it arrived that since it's a lightweight bag, the padding would be minimal. Not so. It is minimal, but it's tough and seems like it will indeed absorb much more shock than its skinniness would suggest.

There you go, that's it for now. Keep reading for the next installment and some more in-depth

thoughts on this amazing bag, as well as photos showing just how much kit it can hold!