

The Bagpiper Flight Case Review

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The original Bagpiper Case from Lyons Bagpipes and Highland Supplies was a revolution in carting around a cumbersome, large and heavy instrument. Time and time again as a piper who travels a lot I find myself struggling with a case, arguing with airlines, and wondering where I could fit the things I need to keep my instrument operating whilst travelling, at practice or on a competition day. Rarely did I have an issue with the Bagpiper case and airlines, but there is always the fact that they are longer than the dimensions outlined by the airlines.



Ian Lyons and Murray Blair have now come up with the Bagpiper Flight Case. This is a trolley case of the size required by the airlines and is padded and designed to fit a set of pipes. One side houses the bag and drone bottoms held in by two straps, the other side the drone tops in a foam section cut to shape.

This is a rugged sturdy case that is very well padded. It will fit many extras, but if you are like me, you need to be careful that you don't take most things in your maintenance kit onto an aeroplane.



There is also weight to consider. The empty case weighs about 4kg. Containing my full silver bagpipe it weighs 8kg. With an ivory instrument it weighs less than 7kg, which is the usual allowance for most airlines.

The case is fitted with several pockets, a set of wheels and an extendable handle. The case also has a shoulder strap for ease of carrying. This is something I really appreciated on the original case.



The case is very smart looking and embossed and printed with the bagpiper case logo. It is more expensive than the original case but it will be a smart purchase for the piper who travels a lot!

The cases are available from numerous suppliers including the School of Piping Shop: http://www.schoolofpiping.com/shop/bagpipes_and_accessories.html



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