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PRICE: **£89.99**

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Vanguard VEO Select 36S GR

Different shooting scenarios demand particular carrying solutions. When you want your kit close by, there's little to beat a lovely, big shoulder bag

BACKPACKS ARE GREAT when you have a sizeable outfit to tote around. But nothing beats a shoulder bag for convenience in fluid situations, where you need extra lenses and filters ready.

The Vanguard VEO Select 36S GR is a large shoulder bag, roomy enough for a two-body, several-lens outfit.

The main compartment is fully lined, meaning there's no problem when configuring the supplied padded dividers. Usefully, it's deep enough to hold a camera body or 70-200/300mm zoom standing on its end, which can

maximise storage capacity and leave gear quickly accessible.

A zipped lid keeps the interior safe from unwanted attention when not shooting, with the option of a large, quick-release clip lock when you are. There's another two pockets under the main flap, one zip-secured and one open – these suit accessories, travel documents and other essentials.

Two camera bodies stored upright will still allow for around four lenses. With shorter focal lengths, you can stack them on top of each other.



ROOM UP TOP (Below left) Two zip-secured mesh pockets are designed for cards and batteries. The lid features an all-round zip, which gives excellent security if you need it – but when shooting, you can just use the large locking clip **SOGGY BOTTOM?** (Below right) The VEO's base has two feet, so if you have to put the bag on damp ground, its underside is protected



SPECS

- › **Price** £89.99
- › **Colour** Green
- › **Laptop pocket** Yes, accepts a 13in laptop
- › **Storage capacity** 14.9 litres
- › **External dimensions** 40x25x29cm
- › **Internal dimensions** 37x17.5x23cm
- › **Weight** 1.68kg
- › **Warranty** Two years
- › **Contact** vanguardworld.co.uk

SPACIOUS INSIDE (Above left) The interior is lined, and has plenty of organisational options with supplied dividers. A three-lens medium format Fujifilm kit fits easily, plus set of filters and extra batteries – and there's room for a 13in laptop in a padded sleeve

QUALITY FINISH (Above right) First-rate materials give the bag good protection. Elasticated pockets at each end would suit a small water bottle; a rain cover is supplied in a rear pocket, and there's a luggage strap, too

I tried the VEO Select 36S GR with a three-lens, medium format Fujifilm kit on a coastal shoot. With its feet and protected base, I was happy to rest it on wet sand to keep the contents in reach. When I relocated, it was speedy to pick up, secure the main clip and move. The bag was equally at home when too wet underfoot – I just kept it slung across my body. The Vanguard coped with whatever I threw at it.

On an interior shoot, I had one mirrorless full-frame camera, three lenses and two speedlights with modifiers. That was a comfortable location, and having the outfit ready to go was a definite plus. **WC**

Verdict

Vanguard kit is usually well-appointed and competitively priced, so the VEO Select 36S GR is what I'd expect from the brand. It does its job of keeping contents safe, and is just the ticket when you want photo kit readily available in a wide variety of situations.

PROS Good capacity, lined interior, accepts 13in laptop, great in use, deep enough to take a 70-200/300mm telezoom upright, strap long enough to use across the body

CONS Nothing