

Vanguard VEO BIB range

Give precious gear an extra layer of protection when on the move, with this stellar selection of carrying solutions

Tested by **Roger Payne**

IF YOU'RE SCRATCHING your head about the name of this new Vanguard line, allow me to explain. BIB stands for 'Bag In Bag', and while this may conjure up some sort of Russian doll scenario, in reality the concept is far more simple; it's a single bag that goes inside another bag.

Primarily for photographers on the move, the range is built for those who want an extra layer of protection for their kit. VEO BIBs can be put in a holdall, suitcase or roller case to keep everything snug, then simply picked out when you arrive at a location, or decanted into a different bag.

Let's say, for example, you're heading off for a city break. Rather than take a separate gadget bag, pop the loaded BIB in your suitcase, take it out once you arrive – and you're ready to go. Going further? Put your favourite backpack into hold luggage, use the BIB as a carry-on, then switch the kit over at your destination.

Vanguard markets a whole variety of BIBs across three groups; S series for larger cases, an F series of front-loading bags and the top-loading T series. In total, there are 11 BIBs, so you're sure to find the one for you. We looked at one from each group:



OUT IN FRONT Three of the extensive new range are tested here – the T25, S37 and F28 (left to right) – all offer their own perks, but are equally durable

the T25, F28 and S37. The T series is probably best being ready to go – as soon as you arrive at a destination. The F and S series are better if you want to transport kit safely, then transfer it to another bag on arrival.

Each BIB is manufactured to a high standard. They're well stitched

together and offer plenty of storage flexibility, with adjustable dividers that allow you to tailor the internal configuration to your kit. The outer is made from dual laminated 900D polyester ripstop material, which is weatherproof so should shrug off a light shower. The zips are exposed,

however, so full weather protection should not be expected. A carrying handle is included on selected bags, along with a detachable shoulder strap, increasing your portability options, and there are pockets for smaller accessories, cables and memory cards. **PN**

WE TESTED...

VEO BIB T25

- ▶ **Price** £49.99
- ▶ **External dimensions** 275x140x210mm
- ▶ **Internal dimensions** 250x110x190mm
- ▶ **Weight** 520g
- ▶ **Litres** 5.2
- ▶ **Suitable for** DSLR/mirrorless with lens attached, three extra lenses and accessories

VEO BIB F28

- ▶ **Price** £59.99
- ▶ **External dimensions** 315x195x235mm
- ▶ **Internal dimensions** 280x160x180mm
- ▶ **Weight** 680g
- ▶ **Litres** 8
- ▶ **Suitable for** Pro DSLR/mirrorless camera, up to four lenses (up to 70-200mm f/2.8) and accessories

VEO BIB S37

- ▶ **Price** £99.99
- ▶ **External dimensions** 390x190x250mm
- ▶ **Internal dimensions** 345x150x205mm
- ▶ **Weight** 1420g
- ▶ **Litres** 11
- ▶ **Suitable for** Pro DSLR/mirrorless camera, up to eight lenses and a wealth of accessories

Verdict

A great idea for those who want to give their gear extra protection, particularly when travelling. That being said, these well-priced bags are equally handy for keeping your gear protected in a cupboard at home.

PROS Lightweight, well made and with useful extra protection, wide range of options

CONS Not the most ergonomic designs, zips likely not waterproof



GAME PLAN Neat internal dividers mean you can play Tetris with your camera gear to make it all fit



ROOMY Inside is spacious enough: this S37 can house a pro camera and eight lenses with space to spare

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