

FUSION F1 ELECTRIC GIGBAG, LAPTOP BACKPACK & SMALL BACKPACK

Price: £109, £59.95 & £43.95 **Contact:** Aria UK Ltd, 01483 238720, www.fusion-bags.com

We were pretty impressed by the top quality on display when we reviewed the mid-priced Fusion F3 gigbag at the beginning of last year, but while very nicely put together and smart-looking it might have been, it's with these top-of-the-range products from the F1 range that the company hopes to make the biggest impact.

There are several gigbags in the range, as well as several other smaller carrying solutions perfect for packing up laptop computers or microphones – or a change of clothes should you be travelling straight from work – and each has been manufactured to a very high quality and with a variety of trim options: lime green and orange are two of the other alternatives. High-density foam

padding is used throughout in order to protect your guitar, and a hard-wearing, waterproof polyester material is used for the outer shell of each. As you would imagine, there are plenty of storage pockets for you to organise your stuff into in each of the bags, so you should have plenty of room to store everything you'll need. Strapping on the gigbag in particular is rather comfortable, with the well-padded and fully adjustable straps making almost any load easy to bear, and the clever 'flow system' – which allows air to circulate where back meets bag – means you won't need a shower after power-walking to your rehearsal space.

However, the main talking point here, besides the overall high quality, is the clever 'Fuse-on'

system that Fusion employs, which allows you to quickly and securely attach any of the smaller carry bags, such as the two shown here, to any one of Fusion's F1 (or, indeed, F2) guitar gigbags via heavy duty Velcro straps, for an all-in-one solution to travelling with a whole load of your equipment from one place to another. Of course, you can use each part of the system separately, which greatly adds to the overall value if you do decide to get the whole set. A little pricey, but we can't find anything we don't like about the F1 range.

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