Datrek Go-Lite 14 Stand Bag: One bag, many rounds

When I play golf, I like to walk. I usually walk with a push cart, but sometimes on short courses, or when just going out for a few holes, I carry. And then, of course, there are courses that only allow riding or days when I play with someone who wants to ride instead.

It's not necessarily a straightforward task to find a bag that works equally well in all of these situations. The Datrek Go-Lite 14 Stand Bag does admirable work no matter how you prefer to traverse the course.

The Go-Lite 14 (MSRP $130) weighs just 5 pounds but still features full-length dividing sleeves (“Individual Divider System”) to protect grips and shafts. This sort of divider system is extremely rare in a bag so light. There are also five pockets, which is sufficient, but not a ton. The pockets do include a large ball pocket with easy access and a full-length side pocket for rain gear or sweaters. One of the best features is a molded rubber grip at the top, allowing for easy pick-up and set-down.

When walking, the dual strap and built-in back pad provided comfort, and the overall light weight was very welcome. The legs raised and lowered smoothly, and their rubber tips provided extra stability.

On the push cart, the Go-Lite 14 didn't twist or rotate much, even without strapping it on. The bottom is essentially flat and square, which creates this stability on both the push cart and the motorized cart. Best of all, a Velcro strap keeps the legs from popping out on either type of cart.

The fabric is a high-tech Nylon that is both tear and weather resistant, despite its extremely light weight.

Datrek Go-Lite 14 Stand Bag: The verdict

Datrek consistently offers quality golf bags at the lower end of the price range. They may not have all the bells and whistles of some other bags, but all the necessities are present and well designed.

Taking all features together, the Go-Lite 14 is one of the better stand bags on the market for golfers who mainly walk but might also ride. It's especially good for beginning golfers or weekenders who haven't accumulated enough gadgets, souvenirs and other assorted junk to fill up multiple pockets.

For more information, visit www.datrek.com.

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