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Nothing makes a **travel experience** more pleasurable than a good piece of luggage—one you can easily wheel around, that protects your belongings, and doesn't fall apart in the process. Since a suitcase holds everything you've packed for a trip, it's arguably the most important item you carry with you. While there's a seemingly endless list of luggage brands to choose from, a few stand out from the rest. We've tested some of the buzziest options including **Monos**, **Away**, **Béis**, Samsonite, and **Quince**. For years, we've been using luggage from the latter home and fashion brand. So here's our detailed Quince luggage review if you're

considering taking the plunge.



Quince Carry-On Hard Shell Suitcase

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Quince, a San Francisco-based company, carries a few iterations of classic carry-on suitcases: the **Carry-On**, the **Front Pocket Carry-On**, and the **Expandable Carry-On**. All of those are available in small or regular-size versions. We had two editors, **Associate Shopping Editor Jessica Cherner** and **Associate Editor Kelly Allen** test the basic Carry-On with a hard shell, which goes for \$130. Between the two of us, we have happily carted our suitcases around the country on vacations, **work trips**, weddings, family visits, and more.

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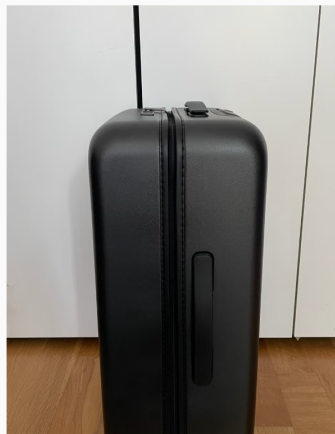
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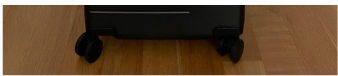


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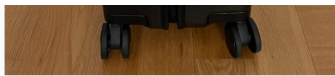


This Carry-On Suitcase Has a Built-In Closet





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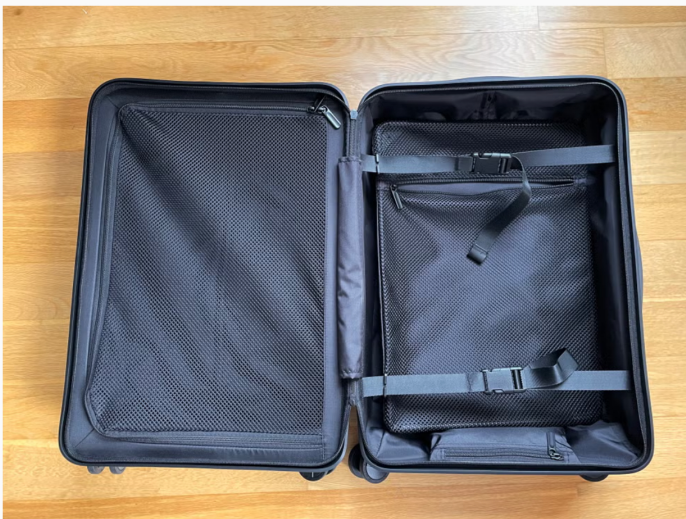
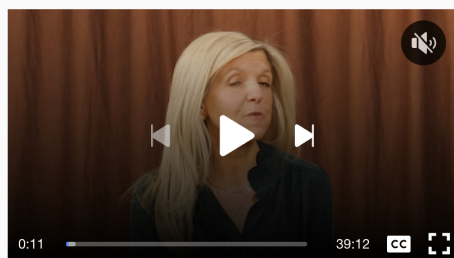


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So here's the lowdown: The Carry-On comes in eight colors including dark green, wine, olive, navy, black, lavender, blue, and tan. We've tested the light blue and black shades, allowing us to better assess any scuffs and dirt accumulation on both dark and light colors. It turns out that the light blue is seemingly scuff-proof, while any smudges or blemishes are surprisingly much more noticeable on the black. Luckily, the suitcase comes with an eraser, which instantly removes any scuffs or residue—making it truly look as good as new. But our favorite thing about the suitcase is its interior compression panels, which allowed us to overpack. They also ensure everything you pack is completely secure, meaning no loose items will slip out when you open it up.

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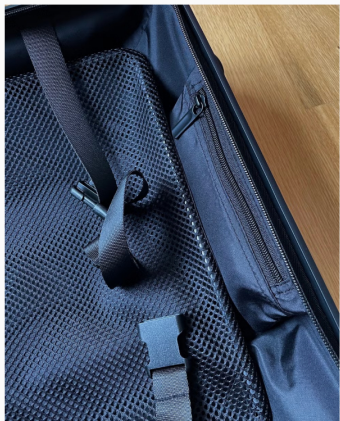
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Other covetable features include the suitcase's removable [laundry bag](#) that ensures you never have to mix dirty clothes with clean ones. The suitcase is also easy to maneuver, courtesy of impressively smooth, 360-degree wheels. You can either tilt it forward and pull it on the front set of wheels or let it glide beside you on all four. We recommend the latter if you like to keep a duffel bag or purse on top of the suitcase. This way, you won't put any weight on the rails, which can possibly cause suitcase damage. To each their own, though.



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The removable laundry bag is tucked into a side pocket.



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Once opened, the removable laundry bag is quite big.

Our final note is crucial: The suitcase is deceptively slender. When it's zipped up, it's less than 10 inches deep, meaning unless you are the last to board and there's no overhead space left on the plane, this will slide in pretty much anywhere. For a more in-depth look at one of our now favorite travel pieces, scroll ahead.

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What Is the Carry-On Shell Made Of?

The hard shell on all three of Quince's suitcases is made of super sturdy polycarbonate, a type of plastic often used to construct anything that needs to be both flexible and durable, like medical devices, greenhouses, and, of course, luggage.

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The suitcase comes with this package that has an eraser inside for fixing scuffs.

After more than a year of testing, we can confirm **Quince's Carry-On suitcase** definitely holds up with minimal scuffs—even after instances of having to check the suitcase at the gate due to all overhead luggage space being full. But should you get any scuffs, especially those that stand out more against the darker color shells, the suitcase comes with an eraser. All you need to do is dampen it with water, squeeze out the excess liquid, then gently rub away any scuff marks or dirty spots. Then it's back to being as good as new!

Are the Quince Suitcases Secure?



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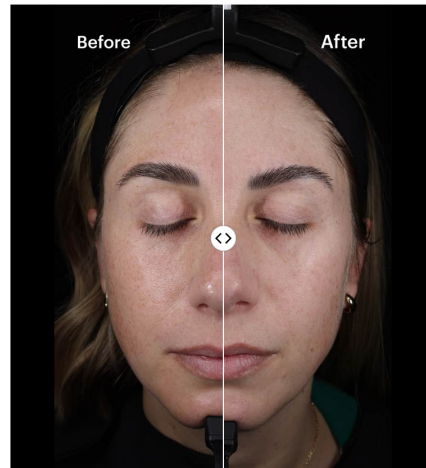
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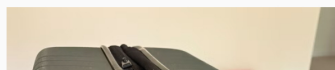
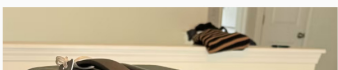
Yes! Whether you get a carry-on or a check-in bag, you'll be able to set a TSA-approved combination lock to keep all of your personal belongings safe. That said, we never recommend packing jewelry or anything irreplaceable in your suitcase because it's always safest on your person or in a bag that won't leave your side.

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House Beautiful Director of Editorial Special Projects Carisha Swanson also swears by Quince luggage. She's been using the **Expandable Carry-On** since 2023—taking it on multiple trips to London, Paris, Italy, and Mexico—and it's held up extremely well. She recommends the expandable version for packing weeks worth of clothing and ensuring you can bring back any treasures from shopping trips. Allen agrees, having used an expandable suitcase for years, that the expandable version would be ideal if you always refuse to check a suitcase—whether you're going on a weekend trip or a 10-day getaway.

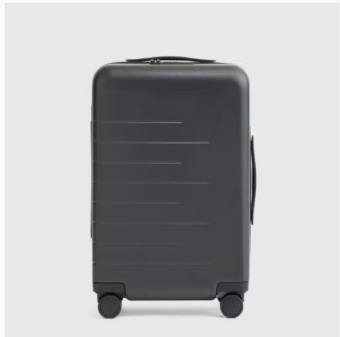
What Is Quince's Return Policy?

If you don't love your Quince suitcase for whatever reason, you can return it free of charge within a year. Personally, we don't think you'll even consider returning it because the luggage is that good.

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Quince vs. Away: How Do the Luggage Brands Compare?

The suitcases from Quince and Away actually have a great deal of similarities. For starters, the hard shell suitcases are both made of polycarbonate with horizontal line details on the exterior. Inside, they have fuss-free compartments with interior compression panels and a removable laundry bag for storing dirty clothes. They also both have TSA-approved locks and smooth-rolling four wheels. The underside grab handle on the Away is a nice touch for easily handling the suitcase no matter its position. Other than that, the main difference is the price. The **Quince Carry-On** is roughly \$130, while the **Away carry-on** is \$275. So with Quince, you're getting a bigger bang for your buck. But it's also worth noting that the Quince comes in eight colors while the Away is currently available in 12, so you do have more options for finding a shade that suits your style with Away. Ultimately, you can't go wrong with either option.



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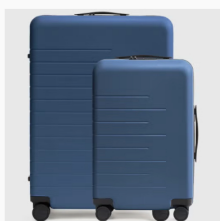
Of the nearly **1,971 reviews**, here's what customers say about the Quince Carry-On. Feel free to read the rest of the reviews on the brand's website.

- "I was initially looking at the **Monos and Away carry-ons**, but they were quite expensive...I was so pleased to find this one of equal quality and aesthetic for less than half the price. Love the dust bag as well!"
- "I had to purchase a new carry-on after an airline damaged my suitcase. I wanted to find something close to the price of my previous one, and I knew that would be difficult. I was able to get my previous one on sale and I know that most brands won't have a comparable priced one with all the features my previous one had, so I decided to look at higher priced ones. I was torn between Beis and Monos and I almost went with Monos until I remembered that Quince also sold luggage. I decided to do my research and found the 21" to have all the features of my previous luggage as well as a few more that the previous one didn't have. I knew it was right for me once I saw the

color I had wanted was in stock. I purchased with no hesitation and have not regretted it. I travel every week for work and most week I'm in two different cities and this luggage allows for me to pack and not have to use my compression cubes. I really have to say thank you to the airline for damaging my luggage."

- "Love the look and how spacious this suitcase is. I'm excited to fly with it next month."
- "After getting gate-checked with my soft shell in Paris while my partner breezed by with her Quince hard shell, I bought my own immediately. It holds way more than could be guessed at first glance. I especially like the division between soft items and clunky items. You can see in the photo that my partner was able to fit three pairs of shoes, all of her toiletries, and additional items just on the left side of the case. A great investment."

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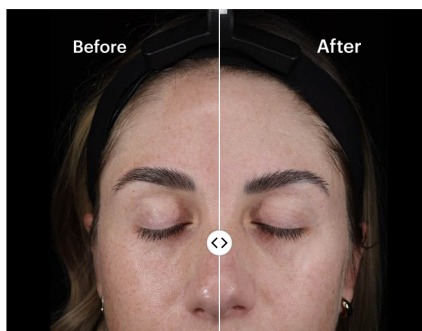
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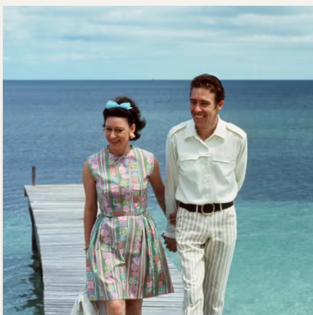
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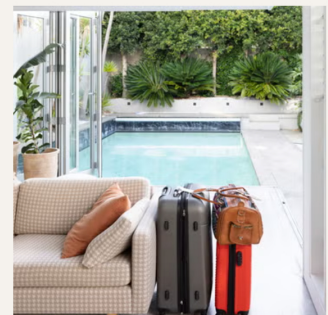
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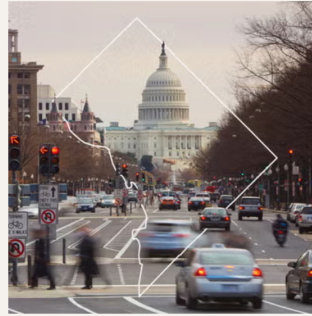
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