Rothco Deluxe Day Pack

Field Manual & Standard Operating Procedure

Rothco Deluxe Day Pack
Black, item number 2330



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SECTION 1

Mission Brief & Intended Use

1.1 Mission Objective

Carry a day's load in one organized pack, with bulky items in the main compartment and small items in 4 zippered outer pockets.

1.2 Scope of Application

Covers inspecting, packing, carrying, unpacking and storing the Rothco Deluxe Day Pack. It ships empty, so what you carry is your choice.

The Rothco Deluxe Day Pack is a 600 D polyester day pack for commuters, students and day hikers, with a large zippered main compartment and 4 zippered outer pockets that keep small items apart from the main load.

1.3 OPERATIONAL CONTEXTS

Commuters

Office days with small items in the outer pockets, kept apart from the main load in the main compartment.

Students

Carrying a class load from building to building in a pack approximately 16" x 12" x 5.5".

Day hikers and travelers

Short trail outings and sightseeing on foot, carried on padded adjustable back straps.

SECTION 2

Component Familiarization

Know every component by name and by feel before you need it.

2.1 STORAGE

Main compartment

A spacious main compartment that closes with a large zipper and holds the bulk of your load.

Zippered outer pockets

4 zippered outer pockets give smaller items organized space outside the main compartment.

2.2 CARRY AND BUILD

Padded adjustable back straps

Made for comfort during extended wear on a commute, a trip or a hike.

600 D polyester shell

PVC-backed fabric, approximately 16" x 12" x 5.5", in Black, item number 2330.

SECTION 3

Standard Operating Procedure: Deployment

Scenario: Before a short Saturday hike, a student empties the week's class load from the Rothco Deluxe Day Pack and repacks it for the trail, with bulkier gear in the main compartment and small items in the outer pockets. She closes every zipper, adjusts the padded back straps and heads out.

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3.1 Prepare

1. **Inspect on arrival.** Confirm the box holds 1 Rothco Deluxe Day Pack in Black. Run the large main zipper and all 4 outer pocket zippers end to end, and check the padded adjustable back straps and the seams. The pack ships empty.
2. **Plan the loadout.** List what the day calls for: a commute, class, a short hike or a day of sightseeing. Assign bulky items to the main compartment and the small items you reach for most to the outer pockets.

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3.2 Pack and carry

3. **Pack the main compartment.** Place the bulkiest items in the spacious main compartment first. Fill the space around them with softer items so the load sits evenly and does not shift as you walk.
4. **Fill the outer pockets.** Give each small item its own zippered outer pocket and use the same pocket every time. You reach it without rummaging through the main compartment, and you can tell at a glance what is missing.
5. **Close every zipper.** Close the large main zipper and each outer pocket zipper fully. If a zipper strains, take an item out and repack rather than forcing it closed over the contents.
6. **Adjust and carry.** Put the pack on by the padded adjustable back straps and adjust them until the pack sits evenly on your back. Carry it on your back for the commute, campus, trail or a day on foot.

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3.3 Recover

7. **Unpack after use.** At the end of the day, empty the main compartment and each outer pocket. Take out anything damp, shake out debris and return items you will not need for the next trip.
8. **Clean and store.** Wipe the shell with a damp cloth and let the pack air dry fully, open, before storing it. Store it in a dry place with every zipper closed, and recheck the zippers and straps.

INSPECT	PLAN	PACK	CLOSE	CARRY	STORE

SECTION 4 · READ CAREFULLY

Critical Warnings, Limits & Safety

Use note: The pack ships empty and carries only what you put in it. Load it to a weight you can carry comfortably for the distance, and close every zipper before you move.

4.1 HAZARDS

Overpacking

Do not force a zipper over an overfilled compartment or pocket. Take an item out and repack instead.

Uneven load

Heavy items loose in the main compartment can shift as you walk. Fill the gaps with softer items so the load sits evenly.

Open pockets

An outer pocket left unzipped can drop small items on a trail or in transit. Zip every pocket before you move.

4.2 LIMITS OF USE

Day pack only

The pack is a carrier for your daily items. Nothing ships inside it, so keep the load to what you can carry comfortably all day.

When to stop

If a zipper will not close or a strap tears, stop loading the pack and repair or replace it before the next trip.

4.3 EQUIPMENT INTEGRITY

Zippers and straps

Run the main zipper and all 4 outer pocket zippers, and check the padded adjustable back straps, before each trip.

Shell and seams

Check the 600 D polyester shell and its seams for cuts, fraying or splitting. Replace the pack when the shell is cut through.

SECTION 5

Readiness, Inspection & Sustainment

5.1 Staging for Deployment

- Keep the pack in one set spot at home, so it is ready to load for a commute, class or trail.
- Give each small item its own outer pocket and return it there, so you find it without searching.
- Repack the main compartment for each day's plan instead of carrying the last trip's load.
- Between trips, store the pack clean and dry with every zipper closed.

5.2 Periodic Inspection

- [ ] **Zippers**

  Run every zipper end to end and confirm each one closes fully without catching.

- [ ] **Straps**

  Check the padded adjustable back straps for fraying, and confirm they still adjust and hold.

- [ ] **Pockets and shell**

  Empty all 4 outer pockets and check the shell and seams for wear or cuts.

5.3 SERVICE LIFE & REPLACEMENT

> Keep the pack in service while its zippers, straps and shell are sound. Retire it when a zipper will not close, a strap tears or the shell is cut through.

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