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Recently, we flew Air China from Washington, DC to Singapore to begin our travels in Southeast Asia. While the service on the plane was wonderful, we slept soundly on comfortable beds, and we thoroughly enjoyed their noodle soup, the airline's size and weight restrictions on carry-on luggage presented an "issue". Our usual 22" "lightweight" carry-on luggage was both slightly too large and slightly too heavy



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The "solution" was a 20" Hybrid carry-on from LiteGear, a company that launched in April of 2014. Thanks to LightGear's innovative design team, the LiteGear 20" Hybrid carry-on suitcase is not only durable and extremely light, but also offers optimum versatility and usage of space. Plus, it's affordably priced.

Ok – but what is "Hybrid" luggage you ask? In LiteGear vernacular, it combines the durability of hi-density molded foam technology with the flexibility and versatility of soft-side front pocket panels. Plus LiteGear's 20" Hybrid carry-on has a locking telescoping handle, padded handles on both the top and the side, and a zippered expansion panel adding 3" of depth. And it still weighs only 6 lbs! With Air China's strict requirements of maximum weight for carry-ons being 11lbs in Economy and 17lbs in Business and First Class, every pound that LiteGear's expert design team has eliminated counts! Plus, with most carry-on luggage weighing at least 7-9 lbs, LiteGear's 20" Hybrid carry-on aces the category for "weight" restrictions. And who doesn't appreciate a super light case when we have to lift it up above our heads and stow it in the overhead compartment?

Another prime design feature of LightGear's 20" Hybrid carry-on is the extremely functional and practical layout of the soft-side front panels which maximize the use of the space. Three huge pockets with zippers going either horizontally or vertically provide variable and optimal configuration for safe and effective storage. For example, your laptop can be safely tucked in one pouch while your folders, documents and reading materials are stowed in a second pouch large enough so that their edges will not curl up, and finally travel comfort items such as a sweater or inflatable pillow are easily put in a third compartment. Clean, simple, and practical.





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The interior of LightGear's 20" Hybrid carry-on also offers the convenience perks you find with the bigger guys – two internal compression straps help keep the contents in place, while a large internal mesh pocket helps you organize them. Plus an adjustable piggy-back strap allows you to strap your carry-on onto a larger piece of luggage and move independently around the airport. Again, well-designed.

Available through amazon.com, you can see the entire collection at http://litegearbags.com/ . As for me – well, I never really wanted to make the change from my 22" carry-on, but now that I've tried it, LiteGear's state-of-the-art 20" Hybrid is my go-to carry-on!



THE LITEGEAR TEAM : VERONICA, CABRINI, TRISHA, MAGI AND BELLA!

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