

# How To Pick Luggage for Any Trip

(NAPSA)—According to the Travel Industry Association of America's Annual Travel Forecast, both leisure and business travel will continue to increase throughout 2005. With Americans traveling more than ever, there is a real benefit in knowing how to choose the correct luggage for your trip. Here are some practical tips on how to find the right luggage to meet your needs.

## Size

Before selecting luggage, consider the duration of your trip and ask yourself a few simple questions: How much space do I actually need? Can I wear my jacket on the plane in order to free up space in my suitcase? Will I need room for souvenirs? For an extended vacation, you'll typically need a large upright suitcase, a tote, and an upright carry-on. However, for an overnight business trip, an upright carry-on and/or tote should suffice. Samsonite's new X-Calibur collection offers packing flexibility, featuring a zipperless expansion system that allows each case to expand or retract like an accordion based on the volume of contents.

## Weight

Have you ever arrived at the airport to find that your luggage has exceeded the maximum weight allowance? Do you find yourself extending business trips to include leisure time? If so, consider lightweight, yet spacious luggage that won't limit how much you can pack. For travelers who are conscious of luggage weight restrictions, Samsonite has developed three distinct collections: Signature, Sahara and F'Lite that utilize resilient materials to deliver a lightweight, yet durable case.

## Maneuverability

Unless you are lucky enough to have your own baggage handler, choosing a sturdy and reliable wheel system is very important. When it comes to wheeled lug-



gage, there are many options to consider—from in-line skate wheels to shock absorbing wheels that help navigate uneven pavement. Originally introduced in Europe, Spinners is an innovative wheeling system that features uprights with four multi-directional wheels. Whether balanced on two wheels or completely vertical on all four wheels, these cases require minimal effort to maneuver no matter how much you pack.

## Durability

Anyone who has observed the treatment baggage receives at airports will agree that durability is one of the most important factors when selecting luggage. Both fabric and hardside luggage provide excellent protection and can last for years. When buying a fabric case, remember: the higher the "denier," the stronger and more resistant the luggage. Hardside luggage offers even greater protection from the elements than fabric, and protects fragile contents from rough handling. For worry-free trips, Samsonite, a global leader in travel, always performs rigorous tests on its products to ensure that each is built to the highest of standards.

By keeping these points in mind, the right luggage can be right at your fingertips. For additional help selecting the best solution for your travel needs, visit the "product selector" feature of [www.samsonite.com](http://www.samsonite.com) to view various collections.