

# User Manual

## Whisper Uberlight Pack

### Recommendations for Use

#### Initial Packing

To see if the Whisper will work for you and maintain your ability to return it for a refund if you decide it will not, in accordance with our return policy, load it up with your normal gear and try it on around the house and/or around the block.

If you are using the pack for a weekend trip, comfort will be enhanced by packing your sleeping pad first, folded up against the back of the pack (for a sub-6 lb. base pack weight, this will be some kind of closed cell foam torso-siced pad, typically). Since the Whisper seams are not sealed, we recommend using a waterproof stuffsack or mylar turkey roasting bag (on the inside of the pack) for protecting your sleeping bag and clothes. Packing the sleeping bag on the bottom helps raise the center of gravity. Next pack your clothes, also within the protective turkey or trash bag. Next put in your other gear and finally your food. Comfort is improved by keeping hard objects away from your back. Next, pack the shoulder straps either with clothing items normally unused during the day, like sleeping socks, gloves, etc, or with the foam inserts provided. Since the foam inserts are used for several different pack models, some minor snipping of the foam may be necessary for use in your pack. The foam can be cut with normal household scissors. Before putting the pack on, loosen the shoulder straps. Use the haul loop to lift the pack, and put it on. Then tighten the shoulder straps. With the pack on, see how it fits your particular body type and load. Remember, the WHISPER is designed for base pack weights of 6 lbs. or less, and total pack weights of 15 lbs. or less.

### Care

Your Whisper pack is constructed of extremely lightweight materials. One of the tradeoffs of designing with lightweight materials is reduced durability. The design and materials have been tested over hundreds of trail miles, but your Whisper pack requires a higher standard of care than other packs. The Whisper will not last as long or endure the same abuse as other packs. If you want it to last, you need to 'baby' it. With the best of care it may still need to be repaired or replaced after a few months on the trail. Each time you head out on a trip, check over your pack carefully and repair or reinforce any areas showing wear. The spinnaker ripstop nylon is very susceptible to abrasion. If you put down the pack with the spinnaker nylon on rocks, your pack will shred. Pay attention when you are ducking under barbed wire fences and squeezing between rocks or through prickly brush. If you do a lot of these activities, the Whisper is probably not the pack for you. When you pick up or take off your full pack, always use the haul loop. When setting it down, be sure that the pack is resting on the heavier oxford material on the back and the bottom. Never sit or rest on a loaded pack.

### The Whisper Story

When [Backpacking Light](#) Publisher Ryan Jordan contacted us about manufacturing an ultralight backpack that was more consistent with his [Super-Ultralight](#) fastpacking philosophy, I handed him a [G5 Hyperlight Backpack](#). His reply: "Too big. Too heavy." And so, the Whisper was born.

Ryan's design philosophy focused on whittling the G5 concept down to the bare essentials of backpack function: a small packbag with shoulder straps. The only luxury that was added back - a G5 style rear bellows pocket for storing wet gear, a wind shirt or jacket for rest stops, or a collapsible water bottle.

The Whisper offers signature Gossamer Gear features, including unpadded shoulder strap pockets for inserting socks or other soft gear for padding, our roll-top closure secured by hook-and-loop tabs, and 210d Oxford nylon in key body contact areas.

So get out there, and enjoy the lightness of your Whisper uberlight pack! Please forward any suggestions, and send us any user tips that can be added to the website.