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Essential (and Cool) Laptop Gear

Have a look at 14 of our favorite functional (and fun) notebook accessories, whether you and your laptop plan to hit the road or park in your home office.

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Entertainer Tech and Pike Bags

Maxim Finkel's Entertainer Tech bag (above left, [Maximfinkel.com](#), \$250) makes fun and function for people who tend their cargo to a 16.5-inch (or smaller) laptop and just a couple of essential accessories. This pricey but professional-looking bag is a real conversation piece. (It gets stopped up on the street just to compliment us on the bag we liked around town.)

Or go ultralight with the Pike from Alchemy Goods (above right, [Alchemygoods.com](#), \$130). Alchemy Goods' bags are made largely from recycled parts. In the Pike's case, it's 57 percent recycled. Rip up bike tire inner tubes and heat-seal them together. Tear a seat belt out of an old car and use it as the strap. The rubber exterior is fully waterproof with a quick-access pouch on top. Inside, two hidden pockets line the interior while a large pouch accommodates a barely 14.5-inch laptop, with enough space left over to carry just about every peripheral in this story. The only things Alchemy Goods omitted that would have made this somewhat's dream more machine are a copy of Red Dawn and a free bag of leaf-jelly.

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