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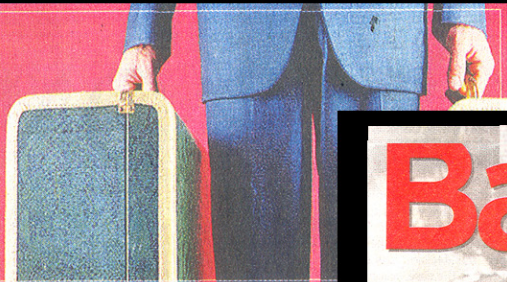
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## INDIANA LIVING, E1 HOW TO PICK THE BEST LUGGAGE

Tips on where to go and what sizes and styles to buy.



The right luggage can make the skies friendlier

## Baggage check

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s a frequent flier who has traveled to more than 130 countries in the past 30 years, Sally Brown is looking for any kind of relief to ease the angst of flying.

The answer often is right at her fingertips: Her luggage.

"Sometimes I have to go through two or three lines at the airport, and I need to be as mobile as possible," says Brown, founder and president of the Indianapolis-based nonprofit Ambassadors for Children. "I prefer soft-sided luggage that's lighter . . . and it has to have wheels. I need to move quickly."

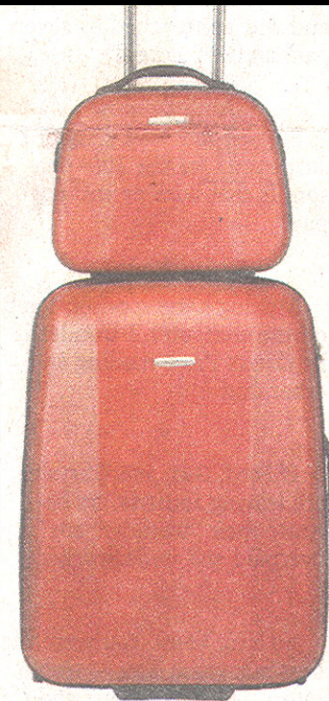
Brown's desire for a smoother journey is typical of today's flier, says Michele Marini Pittenger, president of

the Travel Goods Association, a New Jersey-based industry group.

"Manufacturers are doing everything they can to alleviate the stresses of traveling."

They're doing that, she says, by making luggage easier to tote by using lighter materials or adding wheels to duffel bags, backpacks and business cases. They're also creating travel accessories that meet airlines' stricter size and weight restrictions for both carry-on and checked luggage.

"Of course, you're sacrificing strength with the lighter weights, but that's the trend," says Sig Brenner, standing amid a sea of products his Brenner Luggage Superstore near Castleton.



### Lightweight

**What:** The "Xenon" by Titan Luggage.

**Why it's special:** Durable polycarbonate, making it easy to pull.

**Cost:** From \$385 at Brenner Luggage.