

# BANNATYNES INVERTED BAG REVIEW

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This bag is similar to the Bannatyne's hybrid bag, just inside out. When it arrived I reversed it and thought they had sent me a left handed bag until I realised the zip was then inside out!

The bag is tied on like a normal hide bag. This removes any effect you may experience by the actual bag material being separated from the stocks by the rubber tying in grommets (I found this to be quite minimal).

Having the bag inside out means that the suede type side of the bag absorbs quite a lot of moisture in comparison to the fabric side which seems to absorb very little. Obviously you must ensure that the bag is dried out properly after playing, or you will just be playing with a wet bag, or growing things in the bag while it is stored awaiting your return.

The water trap supplied was a hose, an elbow joint, and the hose then returning on itself. It did collect a lot more moisture than the bottles normally offered. There are more effective hose style water traps available in my opinion that could be tried as well, or this one stopped at the end with only a small exit hole in the top. This would increase its effectiveness in my opinion.

The intention of the bag is to get a result more like a sheep skin bag. No grommets, in theory gives more vibrancy and the moisture absorbing quality and water trap eliminates the need for any canister type MCS which does to some degree effect tonal depth in all cases.

My testing showed that it was reasonably effective, but I think climate will make some difference to the results. With sheepskin, they are somewhat wet to start with whereas this is dry and gradually gets wet. That creates a slightly longer lead time than sheepskin, but just like sheepskin, when it is wet, it is wet!

The proper drying out of the bag I think is essential.

The bag does eliminate the need for seasoning, and I would assume it will have a much longer life than a sheepskin bag.

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