



Kinsman Drum Roll Bag

Drum hardware: a necessary pain in the proverbial - unless you have your own drum caddy, in which case you're rich/famous/have great friends/all of the above. Distributor of Kinsman cases, bags and stands, John Hornby Skewes has announced the release of the Hardware 'Drum Roll' Bag - see what they did there - to help you get your gear from one place to another safely and (hopefully) comfortably.

The bag rolls open to reveal six internal pockets of varying sizes - one extra large for hi-hat stand, three large for cymbal stands and

two medium for snare or other stands. Stands are kept separate minimizing any scratch or impact damage that you can experience with some 'open' hardware bags. It also puts paid to rummaging around a bag full of metal for the right stand, as they should be where you left them.

In theory, this all sounds ideal. In practice however, it might not be quite so straightforward. We filled the bag with some pretty heavy-duty hardware, just to test it to its limits - one hi-hat stand, two boom cymbal stands, and one snare stand. The

sharp-eyed amongst you will have noticed that there are fewer stands than there are pockets in the bag. In fact, due to the pocket sizes, it was necessary for the larger stands to be divided between compartments. Even then, it was somewhat of a squeeze and the clip-ended straps were at full reach to hold it all together when the bag was rolled up.

For less chunky hardware, certainly single-braced, or a minimal set-up, there would be plenty of space in the Drum Roll bag. And it is a clever way to separate your individual stands in order to prevent

dents and scratches. The bag is made from quality rip-proof denier nylon and carries a friendly price tag of just £36.99.

Once rolled up, you have the choice of carry handles or an adjustable shoulder strap, which makes transporting it much easier going.

In summary, the Kinsman Drum Roll hardware bag is a unique design idea and, with careful packing, it will serve you well for a small gig or, as stated, a limited weight or number of stands. SP Further details at www.jhs.co.uk.