Going Reviews: The Onya Baby Outback Carrier

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As a new parent, I had no babywearing experience or knowledge of types of carriers before Avery was born. Without researching, we picked up an original Baby Bjorn carrier and felt thatâ€™s all we needed.

Several weeks and two very tired shoulders later, Going Mom and I felt there had to be something better. Turns out, there is!! A simple Google search will inundate you with baby carrying brands and choices like slings, wraps, soft-structured carriers, etc. I was confused!

I canâ€™t believe how naÃ¯ve I was about babywearing at first, and now Iâ€™m a huge advocate! Without getting into too much detail, babywearing provides a sense of comfort and attachment with your baby and is superior in every developmental aspect over other carrying options like carseats. Read all about the Benefits of Babywearing vs. Carseat Carrying on Onyaâ€™s Blog.

Enter Onya Baby; a family-owned business created by a loving, active mother. I scrutinized numerous blogs and websites to find the best baby carrier, and finally found an extensive comparison on The Portable Baby. The Onya immediately stuck out to me.

Iâ€™m an active guy and want to do active things with my daughter. With the Onya, I can be active while keeping Avery secure and the both of us comfortable. The material is a water and fade resistant nylon with a separate layer of mesh to allow airflow and keep us both cool in the Texas heat. Good, because I sweat a lot!

> The force of sweat is strong with this one
> â€“ Darth Vader

The colors offered are gender neutral and even stylish for mom or dad. Iâ€™d even wear it as a giant fanny packâ€¦..if I wore fanny packs and it was the 80â€™s. Even the hidden strap buckle is a nice feature.

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Now that Spring is here, I want to show Avery all the world has to offer in nature, and not be stuck in the house. After all, Iâ€™m not just a stay-at-home dad, I am a Going Dad!

I wrote Diana at Onya Baby, worried that my blog was too small, to see if she would be willing to send the Outback for me to review. Not only did she write me back, but we spoke on the phone and I could tell from her voice how kind and caring she is! Diana graciously agreed to send us an Outback carrier to review and even included a Baby Booster since Avery is just under 15 pounds.

I couldnâ€™t shut up about how excited I was to receive the Onya Outback, and I know Kelley was tired of hearing it after about the 10th time every day! Check out Onyaâ€™s blog for great info on babywearing and research on why itâ€™s so much better for parents and babies.

Once it arrived, I eagerly took Avery on our first walk and immediately noticed how much better it felt than the Bjorn. No achy shoulders for me and no dangerously dangling leg position for Avery; win-win! Avery was asleep just minutes into the walk, so Iâ€™ll speak for her and say sheâ€™s pretty happy as well.

Yes, Iâ€™m happy!

A feature that sets the Onya Baby carrier apart from all the rest is the integrated chair harness you can use anywhere thereâ€™s a chair. This feature was Dianaâ€™s main motivation in creating the Onya as it helped simplify her life by not having to haul around another baby item when on the go with her baby.

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Thread waist strap through side placement holes, leading with buckles, to make a seat. Buckle loosely behind chair back. Place your baby in seat and tighten waist strap to make it snug. Seat harness should come up under armpits for most security.

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For additional security, bring the waist belt under the seat of the chair and buckle. This will secure the base of the seat harness to the chair.

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Now the Onya Baby Carrier is transformed into a safe seat for baby. Quick. Easy. Convenient.

Avery is not able to sit up on her own yet, but I know this will be a useful feature when we are out and about later on. No booster seat or high chair? No problem; weâ€™ll have our Onya! Hereâ€™s a helpful video Onya provided to show how to properly use their seat harness.

[youtube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0TssKVGbd0?rel=0&w=560&h=315]

Weâ€™ve had the Onya for over a month now and have logged almost an hour of walking a day. If not walking, I wear Avery while shopping for groceries.

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At first, the straps seemed a little cumbersome to use and can still be tricky, but thatâ€™s most carriers. For the security it provides, I donâ€™t mind one bit. I do get a little annoyed with the excess length of the straps blowing in the wind as we walk, but thatâ€™s my fault since there are bands to use to roll them up.

Although the air-mesh lining makes things a lot cooler than they would be otherwise, I still sweat as you see in the picture a few paragraphs up. But, this is going to happen with any carrier when itâ€™s hot, and Iâ€™d rather it be in the Onya. A great tip is to use freezer packs in their handy storage pocket so you and baby keep cool in the heat.

Other than walking in the neighborhood and store trips, Iâ€™ve successfully used our new Fiskars Reel Mower to mow the lawn and went on our first trail hike with the Onya. Both experiences resulted in Avery falling asleep, so it has to be a pretty comfy carrier!

The built in hood is something I didnâ€™t think Iâ€™d use very often, but now I use it all of the time. Itâ€™s great for when Avery needs to take an emergency nap or to block her head from the sun, rain, or even high winds. Yeah, look at my hair in this picture; I wish I had a built in hood!

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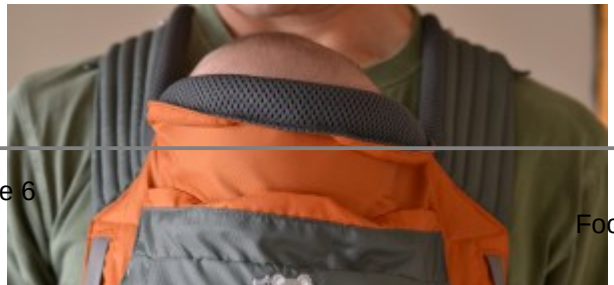
I like knowing the Onya is made to support kids up to 45 pounds which is higher than most! It is a little bulkier than other carriers, but thatâ€™s because it doubles as a child seat and has useful storage compartments! I know weâ€™ll have the Onya Baby Outback for quite a while, and canâ€™t wait to use it in the back carry position once Avery is older.

Overall, I wish I wouldâ€™ve researched baby carriers more from the start. Iâ€™m sure I wouldâ€™ve found the Onya as our first choice then. Besides offering a high quality carrier and portable child seat thatâ€™s capable of taking around town and on the trail, Onya offers love and care for their product by a family-owned business. This is what sets companies apart from others, and is what I look for when researching new products.



Proud to wear an Onya!

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See other posts feature our Onya Adventures here:

- Itâ€™s Here! The Onya Baby Outback Carrier!
- Our First Day Out in the Onya Outback
- Sleeping on the Nursery Floor and Onya Outback Progress
- Our First Trail Hike with the Onya and a Trip to Whole Foods

I want to send a big â€œThank Youâ€• to Onya Baby for providing all items mentioned in this post! Although these were free to me, all opinions are my own.

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