



WEIGH-IN

As if air travel were not already stressful and expensive enough, being stuck unexpectedly with charges for overweight baggage on check-in can only add to the surly feelings. It is even worse if you have to open the bag — exposing your life and your unmentionables — to the impatient crowd in line behind you in the airport.

Weighing in at less than a pound itself, Balanzza's compact digital luggage scale is small enough to bring along and strong enough to weigh up to 100 pounds of suitcase, so you can re-allocate the contents before going to the airport.

The scale can be ordered on the company's Web site (balanzza.com) for \$25. A more ergonomic edition intended to let you use two hands to lift the bag is available at the same price.

To use it, loop the scale's strap around the suitcase handle and lift the scale and bag off the ground for a few seconds. Once the scale beeps, set the bag down and read the large digital display showing the total weight. Repack as needed to get the weight down.

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