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iPAD CASES

Protect Your Investment

One of the first accessories many of you iPad owners will want is a case or bag to keep your new gadget safe. Luckily, you won't be lacking options: Many vendors announced, and in some cases even released, iPad bags and cases before the iPad was available; we received dozens of samples before we even had an iPad in the office. Here's a sampling of some of the early options for protecting your iPad; many more are on the way.

One word of warning: Because vendors didn't have an actual iPad to design around, most based their designs on Apple's specs. As a result, we've found that, while some early bags fit the iPad perfectly, others—including a few you see here—don't. (Most of the ones that don't fit are too big, so they're at least usable.) Be sure to try before you buy. If you're shopping online, check the bag's internal dimensions against Apple's iPad specifications, or e-mail the vendor to confirm that the shipping product does indeed fit the iPad well.

- A** **Micro XS** \$45; STM, www.stmbags.com
- B** **Ultimate SleeveCase** \$55 to \$59; Waterfield Designs, www.sfbags.com
- C** **PixelShield** \$40; Speck Products, www.speckproducts.com
- D** **Gramercy Messenger Sling** \$30; Cocoon Innovations, www.cocooninnovations.com
- E** **Bubble Sleeve** \$50; Hard Candy Cases, www.hardcandycases.com
- F** **Jumper** \$30; Griffin Technology, www.griffintech.com
- G** **Elan Passport** \$50; Griffin Technology, www.griffintech.com
- H** **Ristretto for iPad/Netbook** \$110; Tom Bihn, www.tombihn.com
- I** **LaCie ForMoa 10.2"** \$25; LaCie, www.lacie.com
- J** **Elan Sleeve** \$50; Griffin Technology, www.griffintech.com
- K** **DermaShot Silicone Case for Apple iPad** \$35; Incipio Technologies, www.mynicipio.com
- L** **Netbook/iPad Messenger** \$50; Skooba Design, www.skoobadesign.com
- M** **Pleat Sleeve** \$40; Belkin, www.belkin.com



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