

# The TRTL Is a Travel Pillow That Doesn't Make You Look Goofy

A godsend to sleepy travelers everywhere.



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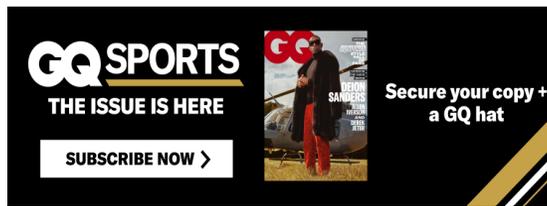
## Trtl travel pillow

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Settling into my seat on a recent flight from Chicago to New York, it dawned on me that I'd lost a crucial part of my essential **travel routine**: my neck pillow. Another \$40 Cloudz pillow impulse airport purchase down the drain, probably abandoned by snapping off in the back of a taxi or falling off on yet another filthy bathroom floor (gross). Beyond the wasted purchase, the worst part was being without a neck pillow entirely, a crucial part of my travel routine that allows me to pass out during flights without awaking to severe cramping or rage-inducing discomfort. I had an upcoming six-hour flight looming, and knew I needed a replacement, but didn't feel like dropping another \$40 at Hudson News for a clunky, only-slightly-comfortable item that I'd probably just lose in the next few months. I endeavored, then, to find the holy grail of neck pillows.

For side sleepers like myself, finding a comfortable way to pass out on a flight is an exercise in determination. The amateur move is to unwittingly grab a window seat in hopes of balancing your head against the window, which will ultimately disappoint since it's totally freezing, stiff, noisy, and vibrating. Squishy, U-shaped neck pillows seem like the obvious choice: a good way to lull your 8-pound head around onto something soft. But that's where the problem lies: traditional neck pillows are bulky, awkward, and likely to snap off after a few uses. They also make you look like an absolute dork when you snap them onto your rolling suitcase. (Sorry, dads.)

Enter the **TRTL**.



Unlike most travel pillows, the TRTL isn't exactly a pillow. It's more of an oversized fleece scarf, outfitted with a removable internal plastic frame that wraps around the neck and velcros securely to hold the head upright weightlessly without impacting your shoulder, like a very friendly and helpful ghost. Not only does it serve the same purpose as a neck pillow, it does it better. Drop it on a gross airport bathroom floor? Toss it in your next load of wash. Then again, chances are you won't even have that problem because it weighs a fraction of a standard travel pillow and folds up flat, making it easy to shove into a backpack or carry-on pocket. As a testament to its loss-proof retention, I've managed to have the same TRTL neck pillow for a year to date after 10 trips, saving myself a good \$300 in replacements I can put towards upcoming flights instead of continuing to buy crappy travel pillows like an extra in an airport-related reboot of Groundhog Day. And yes, I sleep like a baby now, even in Economy.

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