



Easier to thread through the Indian's front wheel

Litelok X1 Plus £199.99

One month ON TEST

Who says size doesn't matter?



Tested by Ben Clarke for one month

I just got my hands on this new version of the Litelok X1, which is 60mm longer than the standard model. The extra length is intended to let you lock two bikes together or lock through your bike and around an object such as a railing or lamppost. I've swapped to

this from a Litelok X3, and the X1 Plus is far easier to squeeze through the chunky front wheel and disc setup of my Indian 101 Scout long-term test bike – before I've even considered locking to anything else.

The X1 Plus may be longer than the X3 I was using before, but because it has a skinnier shackle it weighs in at just over 100g less (1.98kg instead of 2.1kg). This isn't

light but is acceptable for carrying in a rucksack or pannier. Like the X3, the X1 Plus is made from Litelok's Barronium (a composite that repels angle grinder attacks) and is Sold Secure Diamond approved. That £200 may sound like a lot for a D-lock but it's worth it in my book for the quality and peace of mind.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.litelok.com

Hiplok D1000 £249.99

It's a tough customer



Tested by Charlotte King for one month

I wanted to try this D-lock as it claims to be angle-grinder resistant and, since my bike is kept outside on a driveway, any way to level up my security is definitely welcome. First impressions were that it feels well-made and very sturdy, even though it isn't all that heavy (1.93kg). It has a nice soft finish to it that feels like it will protect your wheel paint from surface scratches while you are putting it on and taking it off.

The thickness of the D shackle is a little too chunky to fit through the brake disc on my SV650 so I have to just pop it around the wheel. It comes with three keys to ensure that you can keep a couple safely aside. It



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Chunky but light

would be extremely tough to remove it if you lost the keys and needed to try to break your own bike free.

At £249.99, the D1000 isn't exactly cheap but the price is in line with other Sold Secure Diamond

standard D-locks such as the Litelok X1 Plus (above). You can't put a price on peace of mind, but you can on a new bike and it's more than £250!

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.hiplok.com

Oxford Monster Disc Lock £74.99

This Monster will keep your bike where you left it



Tested by Robin Kirkley for one month

Good luck to anyone trying to defeat this

Oxford Monster Disc Lock in a hurry. It's designed to make life supremely inconvenient for thieves, with an extended lock body that shrouds the 11mm hardened steel alloy shackle once it's locked onto the brake disc. This design means the Monster will resist cutting and sawing, and even using an angle grinder would be a long and difficult operation.

You don't need to take Oxford's word for it, either, as it's met the threshold for both Thatcham approval and Sold Secure Gold (impressive at this low price point). But despite its heavy-duty credentials, the lock fits easily in my tank bag and could even be stored under the seat on bikes with a bit



Sold Secure Gold rating for under £75 from Oxford Products

more room than mine.

The key slots easily into the lock barrel, which has a sliding dust cap to keep debris from making its way inside, and a quick twist allows the shackle to slide smoothly all the way out. This makes it easy to slot it into position inside the brake disc before sliding the body back into place and locking again (it has to go all the way in or it won't lock).

One slight grumble is that the casing is a bit 'plasticky' but it feels like it has solid underpinnings.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com

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Kovix KAL14 alarmed disc lock £119.99

A real Kov-enience



Tested by Joseph Wright for two months

You can't beat the convenience of a disc

lock, and this Kovix backs up its compact size with solid quality. It has a chunky 14mm pin, three keys and a 120dB alarm. In daily use it's stayed rust-free, and tucks under my pillion seat. It fits my rear brake well, though its subtle finish means I've tried to ride off to a shrieking reminder. Pricier than its Oxford rival, it feels tougher, but lacks a reminder cable and rechargeable battery.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.kovix-security.com



ABUS GRANIT CityChain XPlus 1060 £189.99

Small and tough



Tested by Steve Herbert-Mattick for 11 years

Chosen in 2015 to protect my bike on a European tour, at 85cm long it's just enough to get around a front wheel and railing, is reassuringly expensive and a substantial-but-rucksackable 2kg. Its built-in anti-tamper lock and chain combo use patented 10mm hardened steel links and the lock is Thatcham Cat 3 rated. In its 11 years it's been everywhere with me, still looks new, and has never let me down.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.abus.com

Two months ON TEST

11 years ON TEST