

## TRIED & TESTED

MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT

★★★★★



**Kreiga R15 backpack £115**

# 'If Carlsberg made back packs'

5000 MILES

**Tested by: Michael Guy for seven years/5000 miles**



Kreiga have been making the R15 backpack for 12 years and I've owned mine for the last seven.

During that time I've used other rucksacks and camel backs. They've all been and gone, but the Kreiga has proved to be my bag of choice.

For me it's the perfect size. Big enough to hold two litres of water in the camel back, plus tools, spare gloves and a waterproof, but not so big that it's ever a pain when riding thanks to the waist and chest strap stopping it from bouncing around. I've raced rallies with it, been green lanning, ridden across Spain, and – apart from being dirty and looking a bit battered – it remains in perfect working condition.

There's an internal pocket that holds the drinks bladder and an outer pocket which is easily accessible and bigger than it looks. My only criticism is that the bag is not 100% waterproof. There is, however, a small, internal fully waterproof pocket for keeping real valuables dry. It's not cheap, but you get what you pay for. I have absolutely no itch or need to try anything different.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[www.kreiga.com](http://www.kreiga.com)

### PROS & CONS

- +** Robust, well designed, does what it says
- Expensive and the main bag isn't 100% waterproof



Well designed straps prevent it from moving when riding



**ByCity Roadster £160**

## 'Retro doesn't have to cost the Earth'

**Tested by Jordan Gibbons for five months**



Spanish brand ByCity have been making cool looking kit for bikers since 2014 and the Roadster is one of their most popular pieces. Channelling 1970s vibes but with

modern touches, it's a great lid for people who ride modern classics. Despite its old-school looks it has everything you'd expect from a modern lid: composite outer shell, tool-free visor changing, removable liner and ECE22.05 certification.

I've worn it around town, on the motorway, in rain and shine for hours on end and it's really impressed me. It's surprisingly quiet for a helmet of this style, plus the fit and finish are excellent for this price point. The only thing that drops a star is that there's no provision for a Pinlock, so warm damp weather makes the visor liable to steam up, but there is a little chin vent to help. Considering the retro competition usually costs more than double, it makes you wonder why you wouldn't pick this.

**Quality: ★★★★★ Value: ★★★★★**  
[www.dot4distribution.com](http://www.dot4distribution.com)

FIVE MONTHS

## Rozalex Dri-Guard barrier cream £8.99

**Tester Richard Newland, 5 years**

I used to scoff at people wearing barrier cream for dirty workshop tinkering, but I've woken up to the benefits – and now use the stuff whenever I'm doing non-clean spanning. Rub the cream in to your hands and around your nails and it forms a layer of protection against oil, dirt, grease, polishes and other potions. Once you're done, simply wash your hands and you'll be rewarded with clean digits. It also protects against skin irritation and damage caused by contamination and persistent scrubbing. There are loads available, but I've found this one to be particularly effective.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[www.rozalex.co.uk](http://www.rozalex.co.uk)

