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Tail bag, rack and fixing plate included

SW-Motech Rackpack Set £397.99

‘Game, set and match’



Tested by
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for 6000 miles

SW-Motech's Rackpack Set is a 'one-stop-shop' tail bag and rack combination. It includes a 5mm powder-coated aluminium rack and a quick-release aluminium fixing plate that holds the 'Ballistic Nylon' tail bag.

I tested it on my KTM 1390 Super Duke R Evo long-term test bike during the summer of 2024 for around 6000 miles, including general commuting duties, UK trackdays, and two-up road trips to Spa Francorchamps, the Nürburgring, and a two-week jaunt to the Alps, northern Italy, and the South of France. It endured rain, shine, and everything in between.

What makes SW-Motech's kit such great value is its quality. A few friends and I have been using their bike

luggage for years and they still look like new, which goes a long way towards justifying the premium price tag. It's impeccably built with lots of thoughtful, clean detailing, and is durable with heavy-duty zips and fastenings.

It looks neat on the bike and, compared to a hard plastic topbox, is more versatile, but on the flipside isn't secure enough to leave unattended on your bike.

The bag itself comes with a carrying strap and weighs 2.4kg empty, but can be unwieldy to carry when it's full to the brim.

The rack element was quick and straightforward to install on my KTM, using the supplied fittings and simple tools. It's solid, and so light and unobtrusive that I even left it on for trackdays. To fit the bag, it's just a case of clipping the supplied fixing

plate into the rack with a quick-release lever, placing the bag on top, and securing it with a set of straps, which take seconds to fasten and undo. The bag has a non-slip base and always stayed securely in place, even with a pillion using it as a backrest. The bag will also strap down to the back of any motorcycle seat or rack, or you can simply use it as a standalone overnight bag for added versatility points.

There's no shortage of storage space and it will even accommodate a full-face crash helmet. The main compartment has sturdy sides to keep everything in shape and can expand from 32 to 42 litres.

There's a zipped mesh pocket inside to keep paperwork neat, and two large side pockets with zipped mesh compartments, where I kept tools away from my clothes in the

main section during my long trips. It also comes with an inner waterproof bag and a MOLLE grid to attach bits and bobs. For my big tours, I draped a cargo net and bungees over the top for transporting coats, waterproofs, food and drink.

It's an impressive and luxurious-feeling piece of kit that I've since removed from my KTM and stored, ready for use on my next adventure. Can't wait to use it all again.

MCN rating ★★★★★
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PROS & CONS

+ Durable, stylish, easy to fit and versatile

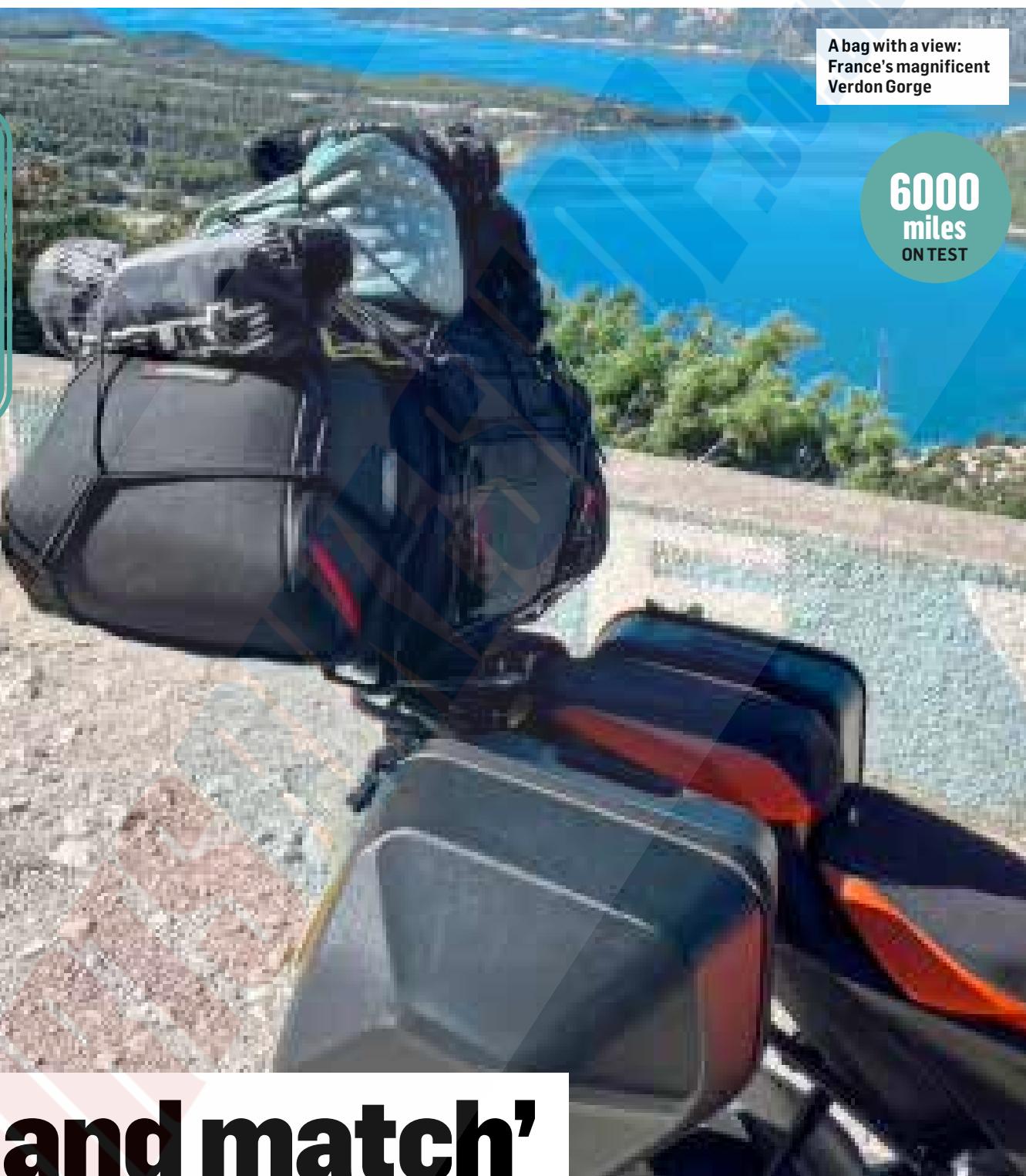
- Less secure than a top box, unwieldy to carry when full



Room for a full face lid, plus change



Expands from 32 to 42 litres



A bag with a view:
France's magnificent
Verdon Gorge

6000
miles
ON TEST