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Oxford F1 Mini Tank 7L Magnetic tank bag £29.99

Tested by Dan Sutherland, 3000 miles



When it came to needing a tank bag to store my phone as a satnav, I wanted something as small and unobtrusive as possible. Oxford's F1 Mini ticked all of the boxes, offering a clear pouch on the top to store my phone for directions and enough space inside for an emergency charger and power pack and a light waterproof jacket. Installing the bag couldn't be simpler, with a strap wrapping around the bike's headstock with a Double-D buckle and a string of magnets to help keep it in place on a metal tank. Made from a durable rip-stop nylon, it's showerproof and feels very rugged and has put up with any abuse I have thrown at it. That said, the elasticated ring used to stop the excess strap flapping in the wind broke off, meaning I now have to tie it around the grab handle instead.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com

3000 MILES



The F1 Mini is just the job for carrying the essentials

Garmin zumo 595LM £549.99

Tested by Richard Newland, 4762.9miles



Nearly five thousand miles navigating with Garmin's zumo 595 have revealed it to be a seriously impressive piece of kit. But it's not flawless. On more than a few occasions, it has confidently predicted serious disruption ahead, only to be confounded by miles of uncluttered tarmac. Clearly, the traffic provider needs faster reaction times. Another let down is the slightly disappointing screen. It's not bad, but lacks the ocean-deep high-def luxury boasted by the likes of BMW's Navigator VI. Otherwise, it's genuinely superb. It's not once failed to accurately sniff out the

route, and the layer-upon-layer of information and options makes it an invaluable companion even when you know where you're going. I clip it on for every ride. It's a doddle to map specific routes on your desktop and import the GPX file to follow later, and is effortlessly intuitive to use. It has enough depth to its connected functionality to please even the most fastidious of journey planning adventurers, and the free lifetime map upgrades are a real boost. It's a screen update away from perfection.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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