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There's a whole lotta options in the box



Sena 60S Intercom £339

Communication sensation



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for 9000 miles
An intercom can quickly become an indispensable piece of tech, piping through playlists that can brighten damp, dreary commutes or turn-by-turn directions to help you keep your eyes on the road. The Sena 60S has proved to be an excellent conduit in providing this, as well as allowing me to make and take calls without removing my lid, and to stay in touch with other riders on a ride out.
As a peer-to-peer intercom, it connects best with the QR code method. Each user has to have the app and a suitable headset, but once set up the connection is stable, and re-establishes as you go in and out of range – which is realistically line of sight. Bluetooth mesh connection

between other Sena devices is simple to do and improves range on a group ride, provided each user can see at least one other. The most I've tested it with is four, but Sena say their system should connect an unlimited number of riders. I've attempted to pair it with a Cardo Packtalk Neo, but that just seemed to be a one-way-street; although the Sena app could find the Cardo, there was no reciprocation.
The 60S has voice commands for basic controls, however the physical controls are tactile and prominent enough to be operated accurately, even with chunky winter gloves. The large jog dial does most of the work, and there are separate dedicated buttons for phone and intercom operation. Sound quality from the 41mm Harman Kardon speakers is particularly pleasing, and at 70mph I can comfortably listen to music on a

naked bike. Likewise, speech has clarity, and I've been told that the noise cancelling on calls is so effective that it sounds like I'm at home on hands-free, not on the A1.
Four different snap-on trims for the fascia and jog dial are included, and it has an LED strip along the side which can be programmed to glow in a variety of patterns and colours via the app. It may not be to everyone's taste, but does add a bit of fun. I've found its white, forward-facing flashlight useful though, either when parking somewhere poorly lit at night or simply navigating my way from shed to house in the dark.
Charging takes less than two hours from depleted, however I rarely let it get that low as it's so easy to pop the unit off and plug in a USB-C cable. It'll easily run continuously for a week's worth of commuting and I like the fact

that it announces the battery charge status whenever you turn it off or on.
There's very little not to like about the Sena 60S. Visually, it may be a bit brash for some tastes, but in terms of functionality, performance and ease of use, it's an excellent piece of kit. The fact that it comes with enough gubbins to fit out two helmets means it scores well on the value front too, and that handy little flashlight is the icing on the cake.
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PROS & CONS
+ Excellent sound quality, effective noise cancelling
- Size: It's quite a big unit and may be too brash for some



Unit's built-in flashlight is super handy



HK speakers provide superb sound