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Comfortable, no matter the contents

4 years ON TEST

- Fit, feel and comfort rated
- Storage space and ease of use tested
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Carl's R30 has seen around 17 countries and thousands of miles...

Kriega R30 £229.99

Take the kitchen sink



Tested by Carl Stevens for 4 years

I've always been a big advocate for travelling as light as possible, and for that, a good backpack can go a very long way. And in the case of Kriega's R30, it can be used as easily for a trip to the office with some gym gear and a change of clothes, as it can for a two-week trip to Europe and back.

That's because the R30 has an impressive 30-litre capacity, which allows for an incredible amount of space in the main compartment. The opening section is big enough to easily get everything in without too much of a fuss, and the roll-top closure keeps everything safe and secure as well, when I remember to use it.

Not only is it spacious, but the main compartment is waterproof too – and removable, which makes it easy to wash after long slogs with sweaty base layers, or in case your coffee mug decides to spill out inside.

Alongside the main compartment are two, sizeable external pockets, which are easily big enough to fit essentials, toiletries and other bits, although it's worth noting that I wish they were waterproof too – it's worth knowing if you're looking to keep electronics or documentation in there on those rainy rides, but with so much space in the main section it's certainly not a dealbreaker.

It comes equipped with six adjustable straps, which means that you can keep everything nice and tight internally so nothing jigs about or moves around on the go.

It's not just the storage or the ease of use that makes the R30 so effective though, it's about how comfortably it sits for even the longest slogs in the saddle. Kriega have fitted a Quadloc harness and padded section on the shoulders and chest, and it really does work like magic for distributing the weight across your body, rather than purely resting on your shoulders or upper back like a conventional backpack does – or even those with slightly flimsier closure systems. The air-mesh material that sits on your back is also really padded and comfortable, and isn't too sweaty when walking around off the bike.

There's no getting around the fact that at £229.99 the R30 is a seriously expensive bit of kit, but having used it extensively for well over four years now, it's showing no signs of wear and tear, or any quality issues at all. The YKK zips are seriously heavy duty and even when it's being thrown around or subjected to the elements, all it takes is a quick wipe down and it looks as good as new.

Kriega are offering a whopping ten-year guarantee on the R30 for defects in the materials and manufacture, but in all honesty, with the way that mine has held up I wouldn't be surprised if it lasts far longer than that. Sure, it's a hefty price to pay, but it's an investment that will easily stand the test of time.

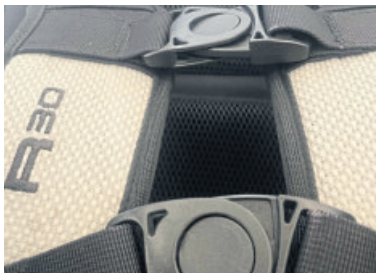
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PROS & CONS

+ Built to last, incredibly spacious

– It isn't cheap, external pockets aren't waterproof



The closure system works wonders



Zips and straps are high quality