

Alpinestars Techdura Tactical Pack £179.99

6 months ON TEST

I want to love it but it's trying too hard



Tested by Joseph Wright for 6 months

As MCN's videographer, I'm always looking for luggage that can carry camera gear while still being practical on a bike. When I spotted Alpinestars' Techdura Tactical Pack, I thought this multifunctional bag could be useful both for work and everyday riding, and I was immediately drawn to its off-road styling. The main attraction was its five detachable pouches. On paper, they seemed ideal for carrying the small pieces of equipment I rely on for filming. The backpack acts as the base unit, with the pouches attaching or detaching depending on what you need to carry. Despite seeing mixed reviews, I was keen to try one for myself and assess how well it handled my kit. Sadly, the reality was disappointing. The design feels overly complicated, the fit never sits quite right on my back, and the pouches are so small that many barely hold more than a pair of summer gloves. It looks great and uses quality materials, but style has trumped practicality overall for me.

MCN rating ★★★★★

gb.alpinestars.com

Klim Tek Pak £150

It Paks it all in



Tested by Tommy Begley for 3000 miles

Rucksacks fall into two categories for me, either they 'disappear' once on my back to be forgotten about until I need them, or become an uncomfortable nuisance I can't stop thinking about. Klim's Tek Pak has mostly been the former. The chest straps are all-day comfortable and even come with D3O chest armour. The 21-litre main compartment opens from the rear and swallows my 13 inch laptop, a change of clothes and everything else I might need for the day. It has sleeves, pen holders and pockets that make it easy to keep kit organised too. The front is busier, with straps, MOLLE loops, zips, pockets and even a length of wire (for locking it to your bike apparently), but those fixings came in handy when I had to lash my riding suit and helmet to the bag when I was collecting my bike from its MoT. The lower front pocket is handy for separating smaller items, too. The downside is that the straps need careful, even tensioning: get them wrong and some sections become tight while others loosen. It's also only water-resistant, which limits year-round use with electronics on board.



4 months ON TEST

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.klim.com

Oxford Aqua Pro T30 Roll Bag £69.99

A pefect roll model



Tested by Charlotte King for two

For a recent trip to Wales on my long-term test Ducati Monster V2, I needed a good luggage option for carrying my camping kit. Being Wales, waterproofness was essential and the Oxford Aqua Pro range looked a good bet. It was easy to secure to the bike using various straps provided, and the little Velcro keepers prevent the excess strap flapping about. It's a modular system so I opted for the T30 and 20l roll bags which strap to one another and stack neatly on the back of the bike. They proved to be waterproof against Welsh rain showers, keeping my change of clothes perfectly dry.

Being roll bags, you just stuff them and roll the end down to keep water out. The 20l roll bag has openings at both ends so that you can be methodical in your packing and access your stuff from either side. There is an air valve on both bags which allows you to squash the excess air out and close the valve to keep the bags as compact as possible. I would have found a couple of external pockets useful for smaller items to be easier to access, like snacks and water bottles, that way I wouldn't have needed to carry a rucksack too.



The bags fit together like a dream

550 miles ON TEST

The handles make removing the bags easy and the shoulder straps that come with them make carrying them to and from the bike a breeze. There are loads of extra loops across the bags to attach straps to for attaching items like roll mats or tents to the exterior of the luggage. I plan to use them again whenever I need to carry more on any bike.

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.oxfordproducts.com

Kriega-OS-6 Pack £95

'You'll only need to buy once'



Tested by Michael Guy for five years

The OS-6 adventure pack is a highly versatile, super tough, fully waterproof pack that will fit anywhere from your tank, crash bars, rear rack or attach to Kriega's famed OS base system. It only has a capacity of six litres but it's big enough for tools, waterproofs and a spare pair of gloves. It's also small enough to not get in the way when you ride. I've used mine on numerous bikes and it's as good today as it was new. Like all Kriega kit it comes with a 10-year warranty.

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.kriega.com

5 years ON TEST



Rok straps £26.99



The best way to attach luggage



Tested by Steve Herbert-Mattick for over 15 years

I've been using Rok straps to attach luggage for longer than I can remember. The 25mm wide version stretches up to 60in and using its own loops, I've never ridden a bike I couldn't easily find tie-down points on. They're great value, incredibly strong and versatile with plenty of adjustability. I've owned multiple sets, and I've only ever broken two: melting the end of one on my exhaust and breaking the buckle on another when I stood on it in MX boots. Essential biking kit.

MCN rating ★★★★★

rokstraps.com

15 years ON TEST