



**ROKiT UP**  
**9000mAh Tyre**  
**Inflator £49.99**

**Tops up more than tyres**



**Tested by Justin Hayzelden for 12 months**

Multi-use items make a lot of sense when you're going on tour as they help cut down on clutter, space and weight, and the ROKiT Up tyre inflator is a great case in point. First and foremost it's a quick and convenient way to shove air back into your tyres, should you need to top-up on a long distance trip, re-inflate after dropping pressures for an off-road section or pump up a flat post puncture repair. Inflation time depends on tyre size, but as a guide it took 2m 30s to take a 120/70 17 from 0-36 psi on test.

Its second, and equally handy use, is as a power bank to charge electronic devices via a USB. This has proved invaluable when camping, and because the ROKiT Up can be charged via a 12V accessory socket (as well as USB-C), you can use your bike to replenish the 9000mAh lithium battery on the go.

Thirdly, it has a built-in LED torch that's bright enough to illuminate an area for emergency repairs. And if that isn't enough, it's a lot less hassle than firing up a compressor or breaking out a foot pump at home.

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
[rokitgear.com](http://rokitgear.com)



**RAM Quick-Grip Pro Phone Holder with Ball & Vibration Damper £114.99**

**Lock and load**



**Tested by Michael Neeves for 6000 miles**

Last summer, I rode to Spa Francorchamps on my Suzuki GSX-R750 for a trackday. I wanted to take the backroads there, which meant I needed some kind of navigation. Back in the day, I'd slide a map into the top pocket of a tank bag, or scribble town names on a piece of paper, but thanks to my advancing years, I can't get myself far enough away to focus.

The last time I travelled through Europe on a GSX-R750 (in 2011, to Ibiza), I stuck my phone to the dash with a lump of black tack and used Google Maps to find my way. I'd never considered using a proper phone mount before, but recently I've started to notice them everywhere.

Fellow road tester Simon Hargreaves borrowed my Ducati Streetfighter V2 last year for one of his zillion-mile trips and clamped a Ram Mount to the bars, which I thought looked neat, so I got one for my Suzuki.

The Ram Mount's spherical base (£19.99) fits securely into the hollow steering stem and takes seconds to fit. Once in place, it's just a case of clipping in the mount and spring-loaded, non-slip phone holder. It's easy to use, made from a robust



**A very secure home for your phone**

composite material, and the whole shebang is damped to keep vibrations away from your phone. It comes with a lifetime warranty, too.

This new version has a recess for an Apple MagSafe puck (to be bought separately), for wireless

**4 months ON TEST**

charging, and I run the lead from it to a portable power bank in my tank bag.

Later in the year, I fitted the Ram Mount to my Multistrada V2 S long-term for a trip down to southern Italy, via Slovenia and Croatia. I used a different base, bolted to the handlebar clamp (£12.99), and plugged it into the Ducati's much handier USB charger and using my phone as a map proved to be more reliable than a modern TFT with connectivity. I use the Waze app, which never hasn't let me down.

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
[www.ram-mount.co.uk](http://www.ram-mount.co.uk)

**Oxford Oxsocks**  
**£44.99**

**Dry feet nirvana**



**Tested by Michael Guy five years**

Having wet and cold feet is a sure way to spoil a ride and with the weather seemingly getting wetter each year, I'm up for doing anything I can to keep my feet dry. Decent boots are the obvious starting point, but if it's really wet or you're riding all day, water eventually finds a way to penetrate.

So, when I know I'm in for a guaranteed wet one I'll reach for a pair of waterproof socks as a secondary layer of defence. I've been using these waterproof Oxsocks from Oxford Products for five years. They've performed well on the road, but it's when off-road riding that I've really put them to the test. I've subjected them to water crossings



that would have normally seen my feet get absolutely saturated, but instead they are essentially dry – although they can feel a little damp.

My only criticism is that they are shorter than I would like and you should be aware that the sizing comes up a little small.

While £44.99 is a lot of money for a pair of socks, it's hard to put a price on having dry feet. Wet feet get uncomfortable and sore, and when it's cold they turn to blocks of ice, robbing you of feel and control.

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
[www.oxfordproducts.com](http://www.oxfordproducts.com)

**XCP Rust Blocker £15.49**

**Champion corrosion curtailing juice**



**Tested by Tommy Begley for three years**

This sticky yellow goop from XCP has been my protection pick since I passed my full licence. I slap it on thick with a brush and just dab on more as and when I think the bike needs it. It does leave a bit of an orange residue so doesn't look "showroom", but for practical riding, especially when trying to keep the worst of the winter grime off your parts, you can't beat the protection. Water beads off months after application, and it has kept most of the rust at bay, even after years of not washing my bike. But because of its sticky nature, I've found that road dust and grit can stick to it a bit, which doesn't bother me much but might irk the more "bike-proud" rider.



**3 years ON TEST**

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
[www.xcp-protection.com](http://www.xcp-protection.com)