

Plug it into a 12V socket and top up those tyres



Michelin Compact Top-Up Digital Tyre Inflator £30

'A handy helper'

Tested by Martin Fitz-Gibbons for three months



If you're a trackday rider or greenlaner who frequently needs to reinflate tyres back to road pressures, this is a neat option. The hose folds into the plastic body and the power cord pulls out, leaving a small, light (430g) brick you can hold in one hand, slip in a side pocket or perhaps keep under your seat. It's not powerful enough to recover a flat tyre, but meant for smaller top-ups. Inflating a rear from 32psi to 42psi takes around four minutes. The LCD display can be hard to read, it under-reads by a couple of psi, and the valve adaptor is a fiddly screw-on type. Your 12-volt cigarette-lighter socket has to handle a 6-amp draw too. But when you need it, you'll be glad you packed it.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.michelin-lifestyle.com

3 MONTHS

PROS & CONS

- + Small, light and portable enough to take with you
- Fiddly screw-on adapter, display under reads



6 MONTHS

HJC RPHA 11 helmet £359.99

'Lightweight and great vision'

Tested by Alison Silcox for six months, 1000 miles

At a featherlight 1318g this lid, made from a combination of carbon fibre and fibreglass, is more than 300g lighter than others I've worn. With a wider-than-average aperture, the vision is great and the slightly smoke-tinted visor is adequate for most daytime rides. It is slightly more snug than other HJC lids I've used and it took a bit of breaking in. That said, some six months on it's now completely

comfortable. Wheels operate the small top vents and there's a large vent on the chin, which meant that during warm summer rides my head has kept cool, and on cooler autumn days, with vents closed, it's too draughty. It has a traditional double D-ring closure, and a removable washable lining. And if you are a glasses wearer, there are grooves to accommodate the arms of your specs.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

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Motohansa Tool Roll £99

'It's got everything'

Tested by Richard Newland for four months



Contained inside the tough and durable tool roll are a set of chrome vanadium sockets (6-14mm), a clever multi-angle flex-head ratchet, 24 nickel-plated bits (Allen, flathead, Ph, PZ, and Torx) with a bit driver and extension bar, and a handy multitool. You could pretty much strip and rebuild your bike with just these tools. The quality of the ratchet, sockets and driver bits are all top-notch and they're really nice to use. The only thing that demotes it from being a 5-star review is the slightly weak pliers on the multi-tool which aren't strong enough for serious lateral twisting duties – although they're great for crimping, gripping and wire cutting.

4 MONTHS

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

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2

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TCX X-Tour Evo GTX £259.99

3

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4

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