Klim Nac Pak 13L £170

Pak-ing it in



Tested by Charlotte King for four months

I chose this rucksack because I wanted something compact but usefully capacious for commuting to the office by bike.

I liked the idea of separate compartments, thinking that would be great for keeping things organised. In reality, its 13-litre capacity somehow feels like less, and I'm unable to carry much more than my laptop and a few other small items. The external compartments are handy and easily carry my bits and bobs, and the top front pocket is rigid and has a lens wipe cloth attached on an elastic cord – ideal for sunglasses, but was probably actually designed for goggles/visor.

There is a little tool pouch that sits behind the front compartment, but I've not had cause to use it yet.

The rucksack has been brilliant for travelling, keeping my laptop, passport, headphones and more with me in the airport.

It's incredibly comfortable to wear, thanks to the chest strap spreading the load and the padded back. Within the straps, there are chest protection pockets with armour fitted – a nice, discreet bit of extra safety. It is also hydration pouch compatible.

It's a great bag, I just wish it was a little bigger.

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.klim.com



Kriega MAX28 expandable backpack £235

Oodles of room and comfort



Tested by Saffron Wilson for two years

I'll be the first to admit that I don't like wearing backpacks on the bike. So, this rucksack had big opinions to change.

Kriega is a brand that has become synonymous with quality, and after two years and a lot of abuse, it's clear to see why. The bag is not only supported by a 10-year guarantee, but despite being overloaded, worn in all weathers, dropped, stuffed into wardrobes and more, the bag still looks almost brand new.

The clasps and zips work brilliantly, the sturdy shoulder straps haven't lost their shape, and the secure Quadloc-Lite harness mechanism still works perfectly. This system was developed to transfer weight away from the shoulders to the chest and body, and has been a lifesaver for comfort.

I love that there are pockets galore. Waterproof compartments house laptops and have been tested to success, which is a big plus for me. I've frequently used the expandable function (up to 28-litre capacity) due to being a serial overpacker but even with the added weight, it has stayed comfortable. I nearly took away a star because it's pricey, but if it lasts 10 years you get your money's worth.

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.kriega.com





Oxford Windshield £39.99

Master of deflection



Tested by Steve Herbert-Mattick for three months

Using an HJC RPHA 60 adventure helmet on my Voge DS900X long-term test bike, the lid's short-ish peak created headache-inducing buffeting and unbearable wind noise. But in a regular road helmet and other peaked lids, there's no issue with either. So, I decided to see if a screen extender could help.

The Oxford screen, available in clear or smoked acrylic, attaches to the top of your bike's screen via a single clamp (clamps are silver or black, respectively). It's 40mm tall and tilt (90° at the highest position) is adjustable via an eccentric lever.

It's a quality item: 4mm thick acrylic and CNC machining on the clamp makes it look and feel good for the price.

It's easy to fit and the instructions are clear, and I've had no problem with the additional screen height encroaching on my peripheral vision.

It takes a while to fine-tune the position, but adjustment is very easy. I found small changes made a noticeable difference to airflow and noise, and while it didn't completely cure the problem with the HJC it definitely improved it. Wearing other helmets, I'm able to ride at all but the highest speeds with my visor almost entirely up, with the huge increase in ventilation welcome in the high temperatures of recent weeks.

Screen extenders aren't the coolest of motorcycle accessories but the fact it's enabling me to enjoy more and longer rides in greater comfort is a win.

The only downside is despite little rain and only a couple of bike washes, the small screws holding the clamp in place have already started to rust, spoiling the overall finish.

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.oxfordproducts.com

Muc-Off Helmet Visor & Goggle Cleaner 30ml £6

I can see clearly now



Tested by Ben Clarke for six months

I've just run out of this bottle of visor cleaner and I'll be replacing it immediately. It's the perfect size to carry with you in a rucksack pocket – I always keep mine with me, with a small microfibre cloth. It's so easy to whip out and use while the bugs are still fresh at the end of every journey.

The nozzle has a wide, flat spray pattern that targets the visor rather than the whole face of the helmet, so very little goes to waste. It dries clear with a little elbow grease, leaving your visor good as new.

I may also treat myself to the bigger 250ml bottle (£9) for cleaning whole helmets at home, while I'm at it.

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.muc-off.com

