

Kriega US20 Drypack tailpack £75

Tester Richard Newland
Time tested Seven years/7000 miles
What's good? You know how some manufacturers just can't do any wrong? Kriega fall into that group. I've been using their rucksacks and tailpacks for over a decade, and rate them as close to faultless as you can get. I've got both a US10 (10-litre) and this US20 (20-litre), and while I sometimes use them together, the most used is definitely the US20 you see here. It's my go-to bag when I need more capacity than my (equally great) Kriega R30 rucksack can cope with. Whatever bike you're riding, the simple pack attaches in a matter of minutes, and never budes once in place. The new versions come with alloy hooks to attach to the bike, making the process even faster than my old version here. I've ridden in baking heat, serious snow, and persistent torrential rain, and not once has any of the kit I stashed inside come out any different to how it went in. It's simplicity itself to use, extremely rugged and durable.
What's not? Nothing, unless you're someone who happens to think that £75 is a steep price for a 20-litre tailpack.
Contact www.kriega.com **Quality** ★★★★★ **Value** ★★★★★



Alpinestars MX Mud jacket £44.99

Tester Michael Guy
Time tested Six months/750 miles
What's good? I used this jacket at all of the All Terrain Rally Challenge races I entered in 2015. It's essentially a tough see-through plastic garment that goes over off-road armour and a race shirt. It's brilliant at keeping off the worst of the rain and particularly wind, which in turn keeps me warm – a major asset in some of the freezing races I've been involved in. While the thought of wearing a plastic jacket conjures up images of excessive sweating, there's no worry as there are large mesh vents running down either side. This is an essential and well-used item in my off-road kit.
What's not? This is my second mud jacket from Alpinestars. My first one began to split around the collar and unfortunately my second one is doing exactly the same. The likely cause is the high-speed riding and resulting wind damage.
Contact www.alpinestars.com
Quality ★★★★★ **Value** ★★★★★

SIX MONTHS



Gear Gremlin intelligent 12v battery charger £49.99

Tester Andy Downes
Time tested Nine months
What's good? This intelligent charger has been working to keep the battery charged and maintained on my Yamaha MT-07 while I have been riding work bikes and it has been working almost constantly since Spring 2015. I had a bad experience in the past when a cheap charger fried a battery on my old Honda CBR600F-W so I've been hesitant to try cheap ones since. There have been no such issues with this charger, which constantly checks the charge and tops up when necessary. The unit will work to recover depleted batteries even if they have sulphated. It works on all sorts of 12v battery types.
What's not? The battery lead that connects to the charger has no waterproof cover so when I'm riding in poor weather or washing the bike it gets wet. Other chargers I have used have a removable cover on the charging plug.
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Quality ★★★★★ **Value** ★★★★★

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