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Proper quality
and built for
years of use

Goldtop canvas and leather tankbag £139

'Timeless and durable gear'



Tested by Adam Oldfield for three months/1568 miles
Canvas and leather are a timeless

combination, that in most cases just cannot be beaten if you are fan of retros, classics or cruisers. The materials look great; they work well and will age beautifully with plenty of patina. Hell, I still have my grandad's home guard gas mask satchel and it's going strong as a tool

bag. Goldtop's tank bags are designed with those durable traits in mind, for bikers, incorporating style, function, and heritage.

Taking the military aesthetic and weaving in tasteful upgrades, such as the striped lining, and brass fixtures, as well as including the ability to combine both Goldtop's large and small options (£99).

They work especially well on motorcycles with a metal tank, making a beautiful addition to your

set up – especially if you ride something a bit retro, as the bag provides just about enough room to store the items you need to keep handy. The magnetic mounts are strong enough for a spirited ride and make it very easy to grab-and-go when you reach your destination.

The canvas is thick, so top it with a decent wax layer and it will easily withstand a bout of bad weather.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.goldtop.co.uk

SW-Motech Legend £275.99

'Simple and easy luggage'



Tested by Charlotte King for five months
I have used this bag when I've needed to carry larger things

with me, such as on a recent trip to Wales and for a few runs back and forth to the office on my trusty SV650. It's been plenty big enough to carry everything I needed for a weekend away, but not too big and bulky either. It's nice and easy to attach to the bike using four simple crocodile style clips, which grip the straps with no need to fiddle around feeding the straps back over themselves. I love the simplicity.

The opening is big enough that I was able to stuff a full set of textiles and boots in with no fuss at all, and the external pockets are handy for keeping smaller items accessible



Top quality and
easy to load

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and within easy reach. Chunky handles make it nice and easy to carry when you arrive and have to lug it up to your hotel room, especially if you're going up and down staircases in all your kit. Quality zippers feel sturdy and run smoothly.

I really like the appearance of the

luggage too, because it has a classy, timeless look.

The outer is showerproof, but you need to put the waterproof cover over it on a properly rainy ride, which is a pain if you get caught in a shower.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.sw-motech.co.uk

Oxford Heritage 30L £99.99

'Best last-minute buy'



Tested by Dan Sutherland for two years/2000 miles

I bought this Oxford Heritage 30-litre roll bag in 2023 for a two-up trip to the German border aboard my Royal Enfield Classic 350.

In typical fashion, I'd left packing to the very last minute and made a spur-of-the-moment decision to buy this bag, as the soft finish and wax cotton exterior matched the retro look of the bike and could be fastened without bulky brackets.

Little did I know that – for once – I had made a good call, with the bag's wide opening swallowing sufficient clothes for the pair of us. It was fairly basic living, but for two days of essentials it was ample.

Normally attaching to the pillion seat of your bike, I actually fastened it to a rear-mounted luggage rack on the Enfield – using the additional webbing straps and large Velcro fastener at the base to keep everything fixed in place.



Retro looks but it works just as well on the R9 as on the Enfield

It's a trick I've since replicated on another weekend riding adventure to Oliver's Mount, and we look set to ride through Holland to Germany once again later this year.

Although there is a water-resistant roll top closure, I do wrap everything inside in carrier bags as a precaution. I'd also avoid storing it anywhere that's damp because it can make the bag smell. Plus, my cat decided to use it as a bed, and it took an eternity to get all the hair out.

It's not just retro bikes, I've also used it to carry luggage to the Isle of Man TT twice, on both a Honda CBR600RR, and Yamaha R9. On both occasions, it's been sturdy, secure, and easy to fit/remove.

It's just a really good piece of kit, that also happens to currently have 50% off at Sportsbikeshop.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com

SW Motech Pro Blaze H £345.95

'Ideal for sportier motorcycles'



Tested by Emma Franklin for 15 months/2300 miles

A halfway house between throw-overs and hard panniers, the Pro Blaze set is ideal for owners of sportier models. Bike-specific lightweight mounting arms simply clamp on and off the bike as required via a nylon fixing attached to the pillion footrest hanger. The 1680 denier bags have proved tough, waterproof (although they don't claim to be, and come with waterproof inner bags).

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.sw-motech.co.uk



Kriega OS Pannier £299.99

'Real round-the-world stuff'



Tested by Ben Clarke for 4000 miles

I inherited these from Rich Newland who'd already put 2500 miles of his own on them fitted to a BMW R1250GS, but despite all-weather use you'd have been hard pressed to tell they weren't new. And in fact, after a further 4000 miles in my care fitted to a Ténéré 700, the same could still be said. I feel confident that wherever I head, my kit will be safe and dry. Prices vary depending on options, rack not included.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.kriega.com

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