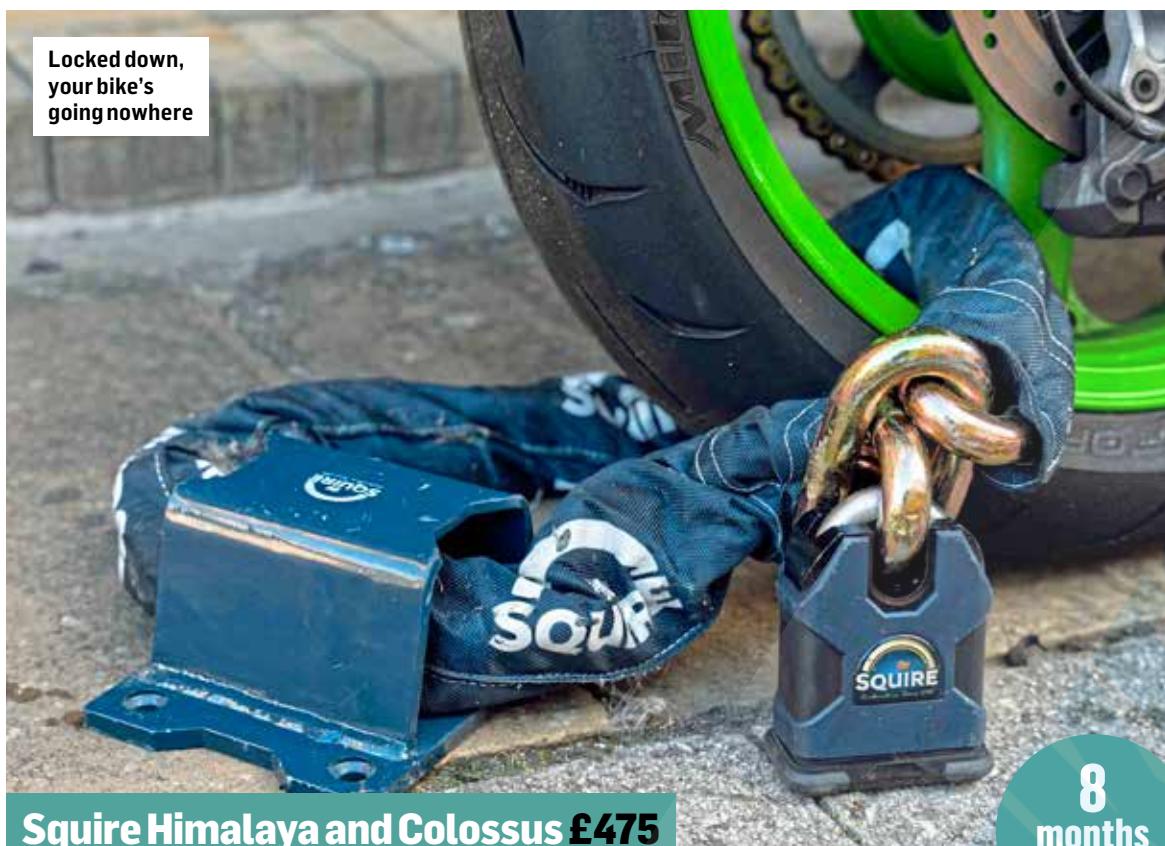




Locked down,
your bike's
going nowhere



Squire Himalaya and Colossus £475

'Colossus by name, colossal by nature'



Tested by
Joseph Wright
for eight months

With more than 15,000 motorcycles stolen in the UK last year, serious security is no longer optional. Moving to a house with a more exposed garage pushed me to upgrade, so I went for one of the toughest combos money can buy – the Squire Himalaya GA6 ground anchor and Colossus lock and chain.

Weighing more than 16kg, the Colossus feels every bit as indestructible as it looks. Made from 19mm hardened alloy steel, it's so hefty it needs two hands to lift.

Installing the Himalaya is no small task either: drilling, aligning and crushing ball bearings takes time, but once fitted, it's solid.

Visually, it's as intimidating as it is effective. It looks like it belongs in a high-security facility rather than a

garage, and that's the point. Nothing short of heavy-duty tools and serious determination would shift it.

At £475 it's a serious investment, but it buys immense peace of mind. Heavy, fiddly, but utterly confidence-inspiring, the Squire Himalaya and Colossus combination is as close to bulletproof as bike security gets.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.squirelocks.co.uk

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Oxford Loop Lock 15 £24.99

'Light work'



Tested by
Carl Stevens
for six months

I never travel anywhere on two wheels without a lock to keep things safe, and the Oxford Loop Lock 15 set-up has very quickly become my go-to for when I'm short on space – or to work alongside a disc lock if I'm heading further afield.

This is thanks to the fact that not only is there a sturdy 40mm laminated padlock that is robust for its size and weight, but the high-tensile steel cables (which are self-coiling) are incredibly effective and long enough – at a couple of meters – to easily secure your machine to sturdy fixings.

Thanks to the plastic coating, the cables don't damage your motorcycle either, being soft enough to sit alongside everything from



6
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plastics and fairings to carbon rims.

In a rush, the lock is also usable as a standalone disc lock, and the compact nature means they can be taken anywhere – even in a smaller rucksack.

For peace of mind, the Loop Lock 15 ticks all the right boxes and

comes in at an incredibly reasonable price. Plus, there's an easy key replacement service, where you can note down the number on the key tag and get another made if you happen to misplace it.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.oxfordlocks.co.uk

LiteLok X3 Moto £249.99

'It has blown me away'



Tested by
Ben Clarke
for two years

I first reviewed this premium D-lock a year ago, at which point I was seriously impressed by its heft and build quality. Now, after another 12 months of constant use in all weathers and thousands of miles spent bouncing around inside a hard pannier, I'm blown away.

If I didn't know better, you could convince me this X3 is fresh off the production line. Despite my complete lack of care – I never use the neoprene carry case – every inch of rubberised coating is entirely unblemished.

The lock still operates more smoothly than a block of basted butter, and the rubber gaiter that protects the keyhole is still supple and intact despite thousands of key insertions and being subjected to both sub-zero lows as well as

Two
years
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Still like new – two years later

peak summer highs of temperature.

I haven't attacked mine with an angle grinder but a quick search on YouTube proves the LiteLok's mettle in that regard. It would take a very determined thief with several fresh grinder discs and batteries to cut it off your bike.

The only drawbacks are the price (£249.99) and the weight (2.1kg, weighed) but neither is enough to overshadow its brilliance.

For context, the most obvious competitor to the LiteLok X3 Moto is the Hiplok DX1000 which is also an angle grinder-resistant D-lock but is more expensive (£299.99) and heavier (2.6kg, claimed). Who said you can't put a price on peace of mind?

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.litelok.com

Squire Defiant Disc Lock £199.99

'As tough as disc locks come'



Tested by
Justin Hayzelden
for 10 months

Just holding the Sold Secure Diamond-rated Defiant in your hand, you can tell it's a serious bit of kit.

Weighing 1.1kg, its hardened steel body is infused with tungsten carbide, and having watched the guys from Squire subject one to a sustained angle grinder attack, I can say it's a tough nut to crack. The sparks flew for 50 seconds before the cutting disc was worn out, and the lock, though damaged, was still fastened.

It's expensive, but effective.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.squirelocks.co.uk

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months
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BikeTrac £299 plus fitting and subscription

'The ultimate peace of mind'



Tested by
Michael Guy
for two years,
six months

Knowing where your bike is 24 hours a day is a nice feeling. This tracker is wired into your bike and linked to an app on your phone. It alerts you if your bike is moved, and within seconds you are contacted by an actual person checking if you've moved it without turning on the ignition, or if something sinister has occurred. If it has, police are called and your bike is tracked. It's not cheap, but nor is buying a new bike or higher insurance premiums.

MCN rating ★★★★★
biketrac.co.uk

2 years,
6 months
ON TEST

