



▲ Oxford housed all chains but was most involved to fit

PROTECTION

The Oxford is heavy on the bolt protection. Ball bearings to plug the hexagonal heads are complemented by anti-tamper plugs to seal the bolt heads completely.



▲ Attack resistance was very good

2 Oxford Beast £99.99

Big beast is super-sturdy and mega-strong

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Oxford's Beast would appear to be effectively two of its Anchor 14 models but at significantly less than double the price.

It is another heavy item – just shy of the weight of the Squire but not quite the 4kg in the promotional material – and comprises two strips of steel, each with metal blocks welded on to each end. They are fastened by four bolts with expanding mounts in the concrete block. These are then protected by hammer-in ball bearings to the hexagonal drive sections and four

hammer-in caps to cover the bolt heads. There is no base to the anchor, which can be fitted to concrete floors or brick or concrete walls.

In the chain test, all three of our examples easily passed in and out of the anchors.

Under the action of the chisel and hammer, the base part lifted slightly by pulling out the expanding sleeve, with the chisel eventually coming up against the sleeve. However, no significant damage was imparted.

With the sledgehammer, all four mounting bolts came

loose, with clearance between the base of the anchor and the concrete block. However, there was negligible damage to the anchor itself.

With the angle grinder, multiple cuts were needed to release any chain that would be fitted and a single disc was not enough to do this. We had to change discs part-way through, adding to the failure time. It withstood the attack for a slightly less amount of time than the Mammoth, putting it around the second-longest area.

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VERDICT

An impressive performance, comprising effectively two separate ground anchors for double the protection.

THE FACTS

- Weight** 3509g
- Sold Secure rating** Diamond
- Footprint** 210mm x 100mm
- Number of skins** 2
- Skin thickness** 2 x 5.2mm
- Fittings** 4 x M10 (16mm hole)

BENCH TEST

- 14mm chain** ✓
- 20mm chain** ✓
- 22mm chain** ✓

THE SCORES



Total **36/40**