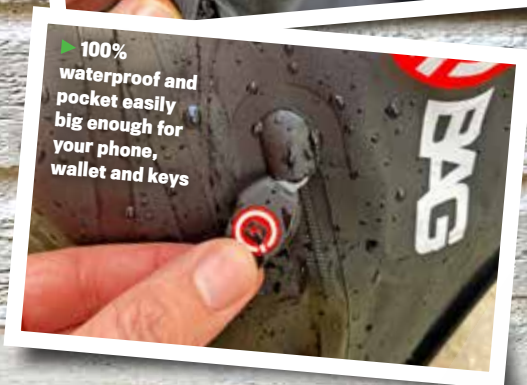


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LATEST KIT RATED



Great piece of lateral thinking here. Rolltop secure and waterproof and is a decent handle, too



100% waterproof and pocket easily big enough for your phone, wallet and keys



MESH POCKET

Doesn't look like much but perfect for a water bottle and holds it well at speed

'For £22, it's simply amazing'

QBag Waterproof backpack 15 £21.99

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THE CLAIM

"This rucksack has a 30-litre internal storage capacity, is made with a fully waterproof polyester outer construction and has a large outer pocket with waterproof zip. There's a roll-top closure to prevent water ingress and two side mesh pockets for small items. Adjustable mesh shoulder straps."

THE REALITY

For the cash, there is no getting away from the fact that this is probably the

best-value piece of kit that I've ever used. Despite costing less than a tank of petrol, it's made from good-quality, thick tarp, has well-sealed joints, a useful outer pocket with a waterproof zip and a clever closure system that also doubles as a carrying handle.

So far, I've used it for commuting in all weathers and have found a lot to like. That 30-litre capacity is useful – happy to take my laptop, trainers and jeans to the office with ease and while there is no padding on the back, the fact that I have a large, hard back protector means it isn't the problem I thought it would be. So far it has been 100% waterproof, though the mesh shoulder straps do

soak in water. I've even filled the main compartment up with a hose to test it – and nothing came out...

It stays stable on the bike, though the slightly-flimsy shoulder straps could be a bit wider to spread the load. The only real downside is the lack of a chest strap. You do miss it as it means more pull on your shoulders than on some of its roll-bag rivals.

If I was a QBag purchaser, I'd simply look at buying a strap. Universal items cost about £5 on eBay and as long as it worked OK with the shoulder straps, you'd end up with an excellent, waterproof roll-top bag for only £27.

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