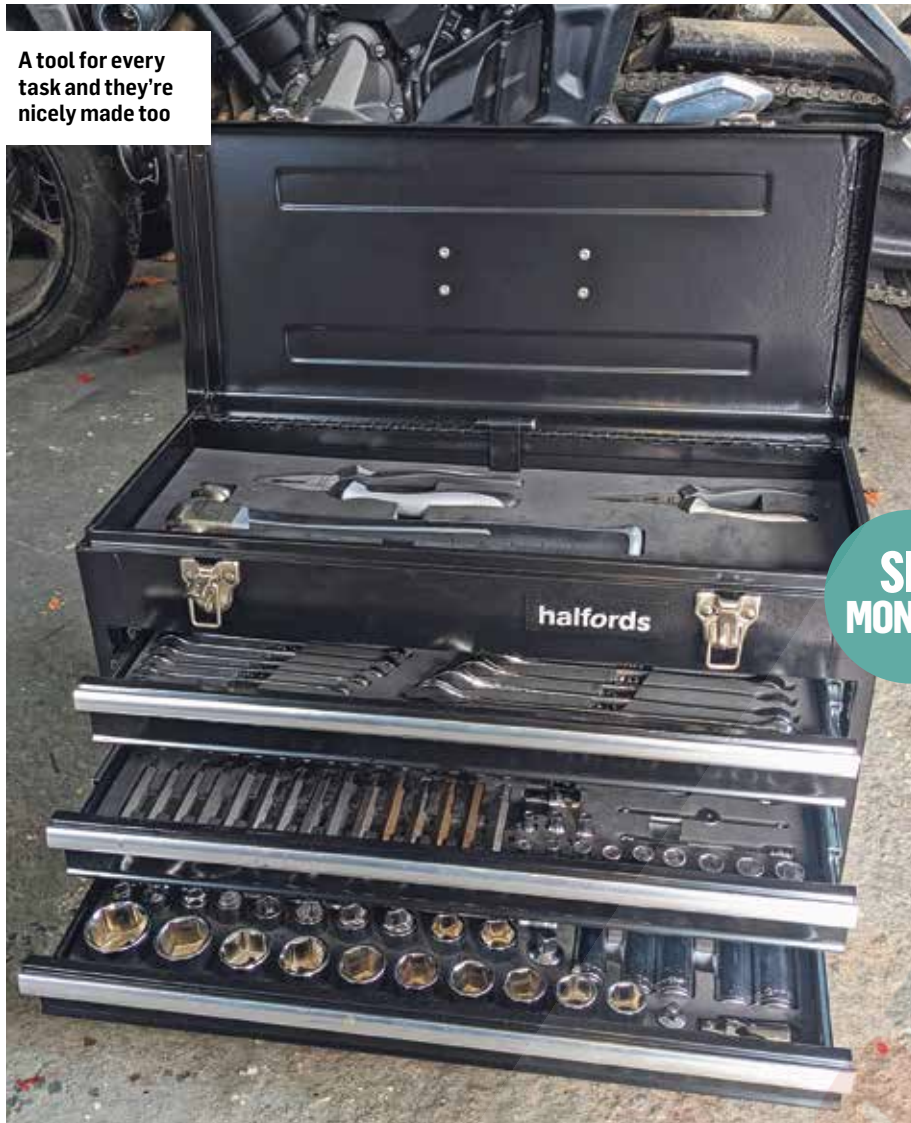




A tool for every task and they're nicely made too



Halfords Advanced 121 Piece Mobile Car Maintenance Kit £240

'Top-notch tools are a Triumph'

Tested by Gareth Evans for **six months**



It says 'car' in the name, but this little kit has served me really well while looking after the Triumph Trident 660. I've used every one of the tools provided with the kit and all of the extensions, including tackling one pesky frame bolt that needed the longest possible combination.

The spanners feel top-quality, are made from chrome alloy steel and come with a lifetime guarantee, just like all of the firm's Advanced range of tools, and they're angled to reach tough nuts and bolts too. The six-point sockets come with standard and deep conventional fittings, plus torx and hex to boot. They fit via a pleasing push-button system on the trio of long-handled wrenches in varying sizes. Alongside that there are snips, pliers, screwdrivers and a ball pein hammer for when things get really serious.

The metal carrying case features smooth ball-bearing drawers that are locked in place when the lid is secure, while everything is held in position with super-strong foam inserts.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.halfords.com

SIX MONTHS

MCN 5004
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1 Bell MX-9 Adventure Mips £189.99

This is a really good helmet for the price. It is comfy, feels solid, and has good visibility. The only downside is that's its fairly loud.
Sam Crafts, Lincoln



FOUR MONTHS

SW-Motech Legend Gear tailbag £114

'A fantastic bit of biking kit'

Tested by Saffron Wilson for **four months/3700 miles**

This tailbag is ideal for daytrips. With tuck-away adjustable carrying straps, it converts into a backpack but has all the essential ingredients of an effective tailbag.

The straps all work well, fit neatly and haven't wiggled out of place. They're also easy to manoeuvre and simple to hide away like the roll-top closure with its Velcro seal.

The roll-top means that the luggage can sit as small as you need, but with a 17.5-litre capacity it can still happily hold a laptop in the padded compartment – which makes it ideal for work trips or commuting.

If you're carrying electrical cargo, note that the bag is labelled as splash proof, but when I got caught out, it was still remarkably effective. Plus, with the waterproof cover you can ride easy as that held up well in downpours.

Quality ★★★★★
Value ★★★★★
www.sw-motech.co.uk



Kriega R3 Waist Pack £75

'Ideal with leathers'

Tested by Dan Sutherland for **six months/600 miles**



My one-piece leathers don't have any pockets, so wearing them on the road can be a pain.

This is where the Kriega R3 Waist Pack comes in. The pack slips around your middle as a rugged utility belt – complete with a waterproof pocket for your essentials. It's also been ideal for stashing masks and sanitiser and feels like a quality product – with thick straps and chunky materials. Plus, it's less awkward to lug around than a rucksack on a leather suit with a race hump. I really like it, but if you don't wear leathers on the road, I would save your cash and spend it elsewhere.

600 MILES

Quality ★★★★★
Value ★★★★★
www.kriega.com

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LS2 Rapid £49.99-£59.99

My wife and I have matching blue and yellow ones and at under 60 quid each, they have been bargains!
Ray Hully, Kendal

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Scorpion Exo-Tech £249.99-£289.99

Being able to rotate the chin bar back and still have the visor down is great. A huge improvement over a flip-up.
Malcolm Kinsley, USA

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Givi 40.5 X-Fiber £249.99

This helmet fits lovely and was sub-£150 at J&S Accessories with a Pinlock included.
David Roberts-Griffiths, Wrexham

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HJC i70 £159.99-£179.99

The flip-down sun visor is ideal at this time of year. It's also a lot lighter and quieter than my Arai.
Paul Tidman, Cheltenham

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