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Looks tough – and it is tough. Just ask Carl

Exterior pockets for more versatility



**OGIO Rig 9800 £209.30**

**‘Recommended – with no caveats’**



**Tested by Carl Stevens for six years**

There aren't many products that I'd recommend without a single hesitation, but this travel bag is absolutely one of them. It has endured tens of thousands of air miles, six years of race weekends and more road tests than I'd care to admit, yet I haven't encountered a single issue with its quality, nor have I ever had any equipment damaged in transit.

Thanks to its so-called structural load equalising deck, integrated foam construction and the bottom padding that allows for a helmet chamber (removable), everything feels safe and secure, with another space to fit a full set of track gear, alongside enough clothes for a week. Everything, including the zips and wheels still work perfectly.

Yes, it's expensive, but it's far cheaper than shelling out for a new suitcase every two years as they fall apart, and it does weigh a fair amount – at more than 6kg empty, meeting some airline weight limits can be a challenge. But saying that, leaving a few pairs of socks at home is a price worth paying to make sure all my kit is secure and in one piece.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
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Long-lasting quality built in. Handsome too



**Forma Hyper Dry Boots £194.99**

**‘Built to keep feet sweet’**



**Tested by Justin Hayzelden for six months**

I originally chose the Forma Hyper Drys as easy-on boots for short hops and commuting, but they've since taken me further afield and have performed every bit as well on a week-long 2000-mile tour as they have pushing a trolley around the supermarket.

The fit is spot-on and there's enough flex in the anti-shock sole to strut about for hours. On the bike they feel secure and there's no pressure transmitted through the footpegs, even after long days in the saddle. The perforated insole keeps air circulating, but when the weather's particularly warm they can suffer from internal heat build-up. The breathable membrane works well with technical wicking socks to help stop your feet getting sweaty, though.

The supple, full-grain leather upper feels suitably sumptuous to the touch and comes with a slightly aged appearance, giving them a worn-in style straight out of the box. After thousands of miles in all weathers they still look pretty much the same, with just the odd mark through use and a slight shiny patch around the gearchange area.

Waterproofing is effected by a breathable Drytex membrane, which I put to the test on a tour of Ireland. This involved full days of North Atlantic rain; and although the outer leather quickly soaks through, the Drytex keeps moisture moving in the right direction and has so far prevented any ingress.

The Formas meet the lower CE standard of 1-1-1-1, which translates as a short boot, with approved resistance to abrasion, impact, cut and crushing. Protection includes reinforced heel and toe boxes, internal TPU ankle armour and memory foam padding. They certainly feel secure enough for urban riding, but they obviously don't offer the same level of protection as a touring or racing boot.

Fastening is via a dual laces and zip system but, once you've got the tension right, the laces become largely redundant other than for show. Yes, they cost more than a pair of full-on adventure boots, but they're well made, fit a treat and should keep your feet sweet for years. Think of them as a great investment.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
formaboosts.com/en/

3700 miles ON TEST

Gravel, mud, hot tarmac... Reduce the risk of digging in and falling over



900 miles ON TEST

**Wunderlich sidestand enlarger £55**

**‘Bigfoot is alive and well’**



**Tested by Richard Newland for one month**

Watching your bike slowly sink into the ground as you hunt for a rock/can/bit of wood to put under the sidestand is a nervy pursuit, usually accompanied by the regret of knowing you have a drawer full of stand pucks at home...

Having gone through this dance at Oulton Park recently, I've upgraded the MultiV4Rally with a stand extender from Wunderlich, meaning I can never leave home without a bigger foot to rely on when parking up.

It works brilliantly – on all but the very wettest quagmires. Quality is superb too; it's made from 8mm-thick aluminium alloy. It secures to your bike's original foot with three screw-down plate washers, and looks great in-situ. It doubles the original foot's surface area, but still swings away without fouling the bike, while the serrated top edge (when up) gives you more purchase when muddy to deploy the stand. Great on gravel drives, hot soft tarmac, and grassy fields and verges.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
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A small wonder



**Muc-Off AirTag holder for Powersports £50**

**‘Clever security’**



**Tested by Dan Sutherland for two months**

This gives peace of mind when leaving a bike out in a public place. Essentially, it's a sturdy CNC-machined holder with an aluminium frame and clamp, designed to take an Apple AirTag (sold separately for about £29).

After pairing to an iPhone (sorry, Android phone users...), the tag is secured with Torx screws then attached to the bike via a lockable clamp. I then just use my phone's 'Find my' app to reveal a real-time position.

However, the clamp itself is very small, so you may struggle to find an attachment point small enough to secure it; I had to attach it to the outside of one particular bike. A larger loop, with more rubber inserts, would give more customers a greater chance of mounting it securely.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
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