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Great value, rugged and practical

Oxford Aqua V 20 Backpack, £64.99

'Affordable and effective'



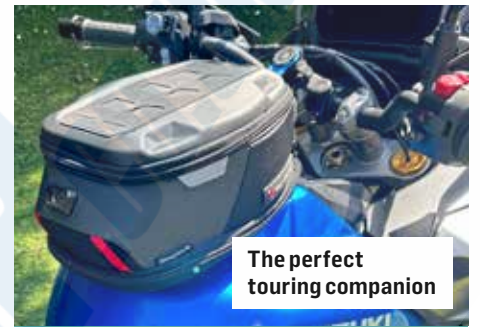
Tested by Saffron Wilson for 21 months

As a commuter bag, you can't go far wrong with the Oxford Aqua V 20 Backpack. At around £65, it's a budget-friendly option, and yet it doesn't skimp on the areas you need most. Riding to and from the office, I've put this bag through a handful of rain showers – some heavy – and, provided I've rolled the top down properly and clasped it in, I don't need to worry about the stuff inside getting wet.

Despite a mishap where the end of the waist strap got accidentally melted (completely my own fault) I've continued to use the bag because, at 20 litres capacity, it has enough room for my laptop and lunchbox, as well as an understated design and a comfortable chest strap too.

The only thing that irked me slightly was the small opening at the top; I'm a serial over-packer (but this is true of many roll top bags I've tested) and the seams on the inside of the bag catch under your nails as you're loading up, if you're not careful.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com



The perfect touring companion

SW-MOTECH PRO micro tank bag £112.99

'Small but perfectly formed'



Tested by Michael Guy for two months

The realisation that I'd have nowhere easily accessible to store toll tickets and my bank card on a trip to Spain led to me testing the excellent SW-MOTECH tank bag from their PRO range. Made from high quality 1680D ballistic nylon which is water resistant it also comes with a fully waterproof cover. All zips, including the large bottom one which allows it to be expanded from three to five litres, are high quality and easy to use.

Built to last it's now a welcome addition to my luggage options.

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

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Sturdy, waterproof, and pleasingly well built

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Mosko Moto Pico Tank Bag (v2.0) £121.80

'Should be a long-serving piece of kit'



Tested by Adam Oldfield for 7 months

I needed something specific for all season adventure riding along my local Welsh trails. Obviously, being Wales, it had to be waterproof but, for me, it also needed to be light and not intrusive when riding. More often than one cares to admit, it also needed to be able to withstand being on a bike that's chucked at the scenery due to, er... rider error. The Mosko Moto Pico (v2.0) performs exceedingly well at all of the above.

An improvement on Mosko Moto's v1.0 of

the Pico, which previously had a clear mobile slot in the lid, which proved hard to fit larger sized mobile phones in. Other improvements to the v2.0 include a YKK Vislon Aquaguard zip, for better zipper action - also the best in the game for water repelling.

MOLLE webbing has been added to the top, allowing for accessories, meaning it can easily pair with other MOLLE kit and is not limited to Mosko's own. It has proved 100% waterproof thus far and, with Mosko's warranty, it should be a long-serving piece of kit.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
moskomoto.eu



Still brilliant after 10,000 miles of use

BMW Motorrad Black Aluminium Pannier

'Keeps my kit safe and dry'



Tested by Robin Kirkley for 3 years

I've toured with my BMW hard panniers for years, and they've been brilliant for both road trips and camping adventures. Much to my surprise, they withstood a violent rainstorm in Portugal without leaking and have effectively kept out dust and grime during long rides. They're securely fastened to my F850 GSA, so I can leave belongings locked in them overnight on shorter stopovers. These anodised black panniers are made from high-quality, robust aluminium. The left side holds 44 litres, while the right carries 36 litres to fit over the exhaust. Bespoke loops on the lids allow extra luggage to be securely strapped on, enhancing their utility.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
bmw-motorrad.co.uk

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Kriega R22 backpack £179

'Quality rucksack, but at a price...'



Tested by Carl Stevens for 8 months

Kriega's R22 backpack is a solid, well-performing bit of kit. It's big enough for a few essentials, such as a laptop, a pair of shorts and a pair of shoes in the main pocket, which is genuinely waterproof, while the front pocket is well placed for easy access too.

But, there are gripes; with no additional pockets to store essentials it's tricky to find things (like hair gel) on the fly. Space is limited in the main section and the straps aren't the easiest to adjust. It's a good bag to use for short journeys, but for quite a hefty price, it's limited by its capacity. It is seriously sturdy though and comes with a 10-year guarantee.

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