



This Kriega multi-compartment bag is worth the money



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**Kriega Max28 Expandable Back Pack £199**

**'If Carlsberg made rucksacks'**

Tested by Alison Silcox for two years/2500 miles



This pack is cleverly designed and perfect for my commutes to the office or for a weekend away. Made from hard-wearing Cordura, it has Kriega's 'Quadloc-Lite' harness, which can be adjusted with tabs on each strap. Combined with a sternum and waist strap, it feels secure once adjusted to fit. There's a padded back panel for comfort and the wide straps spread the load, so there's no digging-in.

Comprising of three separate sections, it expands from 22 to 28-litres, which is ample space to hold my lunch, gym kit and with a specific pocket for my laptop. An additional waterproof flap keeps it dry. There are various internal zipped pockets, so you can keep phone and wallet separate, and because it's been designed with many sections, I've never lost anything at the bottom of the bag, which often happens with single-compartment bags.

Yes, it is expensive, but having used it in all conditions I've not had any issues. And, if I did, it comes with a 10-year guarantee.

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



**Sena 10C Evo £389**

**'It's keeping me connected'**

Tested by Saffron Wilson for eight months/3800 miles



This is an all-in-one Bluetooth communications system and 4K action camera, which links to your smartphone and allows you to connect to a satnav, answer calls, chat with friends and listen to music, all on the move.

I didn't have music in my helmet until recently, but now I don't think I could go without, especially on long journeys. It drowns out the wind noise and the speakers work well even over my earplugs.

The 10C is easy to install and, as I've used it in two helmets now, the mounting system is proving to be durable. It's simple to use and syncs with your phone perfectly. The only small annoyance was when using a radio app on my phone; if I lost signal, I wasn't able to restart the audio through the Sena and would physically need to press play on my phone.

The intercom works four ways and stays in range up to a mile, so if your mates are connected, you can tell them to pull over for petrol at the push of a button. The 10C also enables you to answer phone calls through your helmet. The buttons can be operated with chunky gloves, with practice.

I'm still testing the camera element but what I've seen so far are clear images and I can't wait to take it on a tour or off-road and see what it can really do. The video quality is at 4K/30FPS but if you're like me, you need to remember to give the lens a wipe at the same time as your visor!

It's worth noting (and is pretty much the only thing that didn't sit perfectly with me) is that the Sena 10C was released before the ECE 22.06 standard so hasn't been tested as an accessory. But it is light, unobtrusive and easy to attach. It's a top-quality product but the price reflects that.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★  
www.sena.com

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**Alpinestars Equinox Outdry gloves £116.99**

**'All-season versatility'**

Tested by Michael Guy for one year/2000 miles



While these gloves have all the credentials and specifications of a top-end winter glove they also have the added versatility of being lightweight, comfortable and not at all bulky, making them a great option for spring and autumn riding. I've used these gloves in a wide range of conditions and my hands have stayed dry. Protection includes rigid-yet-comfortable knuckle armour, the side of the

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glove and thumb area have synthetic suede reinforcements for extra protection in the landing zone, and the palm is PU-coated.

There is also a small, effective rubber visor wipe on the index fingers.

Two things to note: the gauntlet is not particularly long – unlike full winter gloves which tend to overlap your jacket considerably. They also only have one Velcro fastener on the cuff, with no adjuster/closure on the wrist.

Quality ★★★★★  
Value ★★★★★  
www.alpinestars.com



**Scorpion Exo 520 Air £209.99**

**'More pressure at the pumps'**

Tested by Dan Sutherland for eight months/1000 miles



This is a great looking budget touring helmet that meets ECE 22.05 standards. For under 250 quid, you get a brilliant visor aperture, vents in the forehead and chin, plus Scorpion's 'AirFit' system, allowing you to pump up the cheek pads for a snug fit. It's quiet on the move, takes an intercom, has a Pinlock-ready visor, quick-release cheek pads, drop-down sun shield, and room for your glasses. You also get a five-year warranty. But at 1550g, it's not light, and no matter how many times I squeeze the air pump, or let air back out, discomfort creeps in after an hour. What's more, at motorway speeds it will sometimes deliver an annoying rattle from one of the vents.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★  
www.bikerheadz.co.uk

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