

2 **Kriega US-20** £125 www.kriega.com

The US-20 is part of Kriega's modular range and oozes quality; the outer is Cordura with a removable plastic liner that uses taped seams for waterproofing. The outer features two pockets – one with a water-resistant YKK zip and a mesh pocket on the base. The bag is supplied with Kriega's usual fixing kit, of loops which stay fitted to the bike and straps with metal hooks that join to them. It also comes with a shoulder strap but no carry handle.

The US-20 loads from the end like a rucksack so that, once packed, whatever went in first comes out last and it is tricky to access when fully packed. But on the bike, it has a very low profile and is exceptionally stable although mounted front to back, as we had to here, it just touched the small of the back. In the spray test, the main body remained completely dry but the side pocket collected water past the 'resistant' zip.



THE FACTS

Material	Cordura outer/plastic liner
Capacity	20 litres
External pockets	2
Fixing straps	✓
Carry handle	✗
Shoulder strap	✓
Closure	Roll/buckle

THE SCORES

QUALITY	■■■■■■■■■
EASE OF USE	■■■■■■■■■
FEATURES	■■■■■■■■■
STABILITY	■■■■■■■■■
WATERPROOFING	■■■■■■■■■

Total **41/50**

1 **Oxford Aqua T-20** £59.99 www.oxfordproducts.com

We're very familiar with the Aqua range at RiDE – it has won triangles in the past, and with good reason. A single skin of tarpaulin-style PVC material with welded seams, the roll top opens to reveal a wide loading aperture. It swallowed the away kit with ease and once loaded, everything was easy to access from the top. There's an external pocket with a water-resistant zip and an internal pocket and with the bag loaded, there's plenty of roll-closure to give confidence in its ability to keep water out.

It's relatively wide and low so it's stable in use, with Oxford's under-seat strap and four D-rings on the base with matching straps – almost as stable as a bag with straps over the top. It has a grab-handle and a shoulder strap for easy use and in the spray test, kept all water out of the main compartment, though a little entered the external pocket. It's easy to see why this has won awards.



THE FACTS

Material	PVC tarpaulin
Capacity	20 litres
External pockets	1
Fixing straps	✓
Carry handle	✓
Shoulder strap	✓
Closure	Roll closure, buckles, straps

THE SCORES

QUALITY	■■■■■■■■■
EASE OF USE	■■■■■■■■■
FEATURES	■■■■■■■■■
STABILITY	■■■■■■■■■
WATERPROOFING	■■■■■■■■■

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