



Sena SRL-03 Shoei Intercom £339.00

‘Seamless connectivity’



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for three months

Sena have designed the SRL-3 in partnership with Shoei as a custom fit unit for the Neotec 3 and GT-Air 3. It blends perfectly with the shell for a neatly integrated look.

Cycling through the various modes to connect my phone and satnav was a simple case of following the instructions, and once set up the SRL-3 automatically connects hassle free every time I switch it on.

Although the push buttons are easy to find, just saying ‘music’ is all it needs to get a selected playlist streaming through the class-leading Harmon Kardon speakers. I always ride with filtered earplugs and whether I’m listening to Mahler or Motorhead, the sound quality is excellent. The same goes for phone calls, intercom or satnav directions.

Being able to hear is only half the battle for an intercom though, but Sena’s ‘Advanced Noise Control’ is so efficient that it’s fooled more than one person into thinking I’m at my desk and not hoofing down the A1.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
shoei.com



Quad Lock vibration dampener (and handlebar pro) £15.99 + £27.99

‘Smooth sailing’



Tested by Saffron Wilson for 14 months

A handy bit of kit, particularly if you’re reliant on your phone for navigation. It cancels out high-frequency vibration, preventing damage to the image stabilisation sensors on some smartphone cameras. It’s a bit fiddly to set up, but once it’s on the bike it’s durable, weatherproof and even after 8000 miles it still looks as good as new – despite being out in all conditions.

Combined with the phone case, it’s a really useful system, which is why I ended up with a couple of other Quad Lock mounts in the car and at home. The initial outlay on the case, mounts and damper can be quite costly, but that’s true of a lot of phone mounts on the market. I have personally found everything really easy to use and will continue to switch it between all my bikes for the foreseeable future.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.quadlockcase.co.uk

8055 miles ON TEST



‘No need to find a socket...’



Tested by Simon Relph for two years

Power points are not always available where you want them, so the Optimate Solar Duo is a great way to plug in Smart chargers. I have an old Royal Enfield sidecar outfit which is too big to fit in my garage, so it lives outside under one of those bike covers with a clear window designed for solar panels.

The beauty of this is that when I am not using the outfit, I can connect up the Optimate Solar to the supplied lead which is permanently attached to the battery, making it very easy to connect/disconnect. The battery is then charged through the hours of daylight, with a smart charger-monitor

adjusting the output to meet its needs.

The solar panel itself produces 10 watts of power maximum, making between 12-12.8 volts, is waterproof and measures 390mm by 250mm by 30mm thick, a bit bigger than an A4 sheet of paper.

The system is capable of charging STD, AGM and GEL 12 volt batteries from 2-40amp hour as well as Lithium LFP 12.8-13.2 volt batteries. This one is the 10W version but is also available in a 20W 1.7A and a 40W 3.3A version should you need something a bit meatier! The whole lot comes complete with two types of battery connectors and a very neat zip up carry case.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.optimate.co.uk



Quad Lock accessories £142.97

‘More than just a bike mount’



Tested by Gareth Evans for six months

I’ve been testing some of Quad Lock’s ‘lifestyle’ products to see how they cope with the daily grind. The most useful for me is the magnetic card holder (£40.99), with which I carry my work pass to open security doors in the office.

I’ve also made use of the battery (£54.99) during several events – it’s good for a couple of decent charges, but beware: the sticker on the back saying it gets hot isn’t exaggerating.

And finally there’s the tripod (£42.99), which is also a selfie stick. This has been helpful for me to video myself riding, leaving my phone by the roadside as I ride past. Plus, act quick and you’ll get 30% off all Quad Lock gear during November.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.quadlockcase.co.uk

2000 miles ON TEST

MoniMoto 7 tracker £129 + £36 per annum sub

‘Paying for peace of mind’



Tested by Richard Newland for three years

This tracker is an affordable

and simple option. I’ve been using previous versions for years, and most recently added two of these to my fleet. The unit cost includes two months of SIM coverage, then it’s just £36 per year. Set-up is as easy as deploying the batteries (no wiring needed) and syncing to your smartphone via the App, through which you can see unit status, battery life, connection and location of your bike when tracking. If the unit senses movement, but can’t contact the fob, you’ll get a call on your device and live tracking will begin.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.monimoto.com/uk

30K miles ON TEST