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3200 MILES



Power comes from a USB socket



Quad Lock Motorcycle Vibration Dampener, Wireless Charger and Pixel 5 case £108.85 together

'It's seriously simple to use'

Tested by Gareth Evans for eight months / 3200 miles



In 2021 Apple released a statement that said "Exposure to vibrations, like those generated by high-powered motorcycle engines, might impact iPhone cameras". Now, being a bit of a tech geek, a few months earlier I'd planned for this eventuality by installing Quad Lock's Vibration Dampener. Sure, I have a Google Pixel 5 rather than an Apple, but I use my camera a lot in this job and as such didn't fancy the risk something might shake loose.

Quad Lock say they've worked stringently to "understand, design, develop and then test a Vibration Dampening solution that gives riders complete confidence in mounting all new model smartphones to any motorcycle."

That manifests itself in a trio of silicone grommets said to eliminate more than 90% of high-frequency vibrations caused by our bikes. Not bad going for something that costs £15.95.

But I'd installed a charging solution too. Why? Over the course of the year I learned my

phone's battery wasn't up to more than a few hours of riding with both the screen and Google Maps permanently on. The upper threshold was around Cardiff, or 175-ish miles before it went into 'extreme power-saving mode'.

Step forward the Quad Lock weatherproof (by which they mean IP66 water resistant – able to withstand powerful water jets but not total immersion) wireless charging system. On its own it's £69.95.

Despite its name, you do actually need to wire this into the bike as it needs power via a USB-C socket. I'd installed a Triumph USB connection under the seat, threaded a cable through the frame and up into the back of the charger, securing it with a cable tie.

Once that's done, you don't need to worry anymore about the wiring. Simply twist the phone case onto the charger using the Quad Lock 45-degree fitment and when it snaps into position with the ignition on, your phone starts to charge – if it supports wireless charging.

I've now perfected using the fitment with one gloved hand, making this system seriously

simple to use. You just push the outside of the charger in with your fingers and rotate the phone case (£22.95 – just as thin as the normal one I previously used) until it clicks.

It's all installed with the Allen key provided, and you can choose between portrait or landscape orientation. I'm looking at the firm's desk chargers and a mount for in-car use too. It's that very fact that represents my only real negative comment here – costs can quickly rack up if you're not careful.

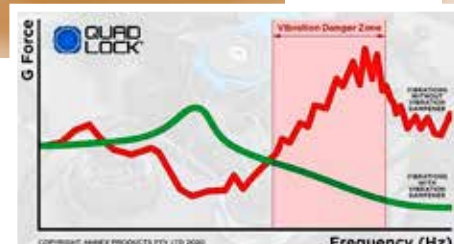
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The kit is rugged and easy to use

PROS & CONS

- + Works well, easy fitment, peace of mind
- Costs can add up quickly if you add more applications



Keep your phone out of the danger zone