



Sturdy tool roll to hopefully stop you getting stranded

12 years ON TEST

## CruzTools Roadtech B1 Toolkit For BMW Motorcycles £169.18

### 'Practical tools, and built to last'



**Tested by Simon Relph for 12 years**

I got the Roadtech B1 tool roll some 12 years ago, primarily with my long-term test BMW K1600 in mind. CruzTools had carefully selected a set of tools specifically for BMWs, which will allow you to do most roadside repairs. BMW use a lot of specialised fasteners and this kit allows you to undo just about all of them. The roll contains spanners of various sizes, from 8mm to an 8in adjustable for bigger stuff, a four-in-one screwdriver, a torch (no longer available) and a mini socket ratchet with 2in extension and four sockets. There's also a set of Allen keys, six Torx keys, and a pair of locking pliers just to mention a few. All the tools in this kit are well made and of good quality, and each slots into its own little pocket in the very stoutly made tool roll. It's a great item to have on board the bike, for peace of mind if nothing else. Since the K1600 went back, this kit is my go-to when packing to go on a road trip.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
venhill.co.uk



Car kit but it's ideal on bikes

## Halfords Advanced 121-piece Maintenance Kit £240

### 'Top-drawer tools'



**Tested by Gareth Evans for two years**

I've used every type of tool in there and all the extensions, including tackling one pesky frame bolt that needed the longest possible combination. In general I find them very easy to use and very well designed. This kit comes with a lifetime guarantee, just like all of the firm's Advanced range of tools. Break one and you can go to any Halfords store and replace it, stock permitting.

The spanners feel top-quality, made from chrome alloy steel and they're angled to reach awkward nuts.

The six-point sockets come with standard and deep conventional fittings, plus torx and hex. They fit via a pleasing push-button system on the trio of long-handled wrenches in varying sizes. There are also seriously sharp snips, pliers, flat-head and Philips magnetised screwdrivers (which have come in hugely helpful when dropping nuts into places they shouldn't go) and a hefty ball peen hammer for when things get really serious.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
www.halfords.com

2 years ON TEST



11 years later and it's all good

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## Bosch AQT 45-14 X Pressure Washer £249.99

### 'High price, but also high quality'



**Tested by Steve Herbert-Mattick for over a decade**

My ageing pressure washer continues to be an impressive piece of kit; the 1900w motor and 130 bar of water pressure making cleaning bikes, cars, patios and anything else I fire it at near-effortless. The 5m mains cable and long hose are useful since my drive is nowhere near my garden tap, while push-fit connections on the numerous accessories (including gun, adjustable lance, patio brush, 90-degree angled head, detergent bottle) makes set up very easy.

A built-in primer on the pump means you can use rain water from a collector, not just a hose. It's solid, weighs 22kg and stores away neatly with its telescopic handle and built-in hose reel with lockable handle.

A couple of years ago the pump failed but happily Bosch collected, repaired and returned the washer all under the system's 10-year warranty.

The AQT 45-14 has since been superseded by the Advanced Aquatak 140, but the spec and price is near-identical.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
www.bosch-diy.com



It works from 20-210Nm

## Draper Torque Wrench (30357), £43.25\*

### 'Cranking up the (right) pressure'



**Tested by Richard Newland for seven years**

If you work on your own bike you really must have a torque wrench. I have one for high-torque jobs, and a smaller one for delicate tasks. This Draper item is the meaty one, rated from 20-210Nm (22.1-154.9lb.ft), it'll cover the most common tasks, like wheel spindle nuts, swingarm pivot bolts, headstock nuts etc. To use it, you simply add the relevant socket to the 1/2in square drive (like any other ratchet), set the torque rating on the marked handle, and tighten the nut or bolt. Once the right torque is reached, there's an audible 'click' and it feels momentarily like you've broken something as the tension goes slack. Couldn't be simpler.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
www.drapertools.com

7 years ON TEST

## Oxford Mint Lube, £8.99 (500ml)

### 'Minty, but flingy'



**Tested by Dan Sutherland for two months**

I've been using this Oxford Mint All Weather on the chain of my Suzuki GSX-8S long-termer, plus my own Royal Enfield Classic 350 for a couple of months now – spraying on after a thorough clean, or as an occasional cheeky top-up during periods of heavy mileage.

Featuring a minty scent and lasting an impressive length of time for its size, a can costs less than nine quid. However, despite the price and nice smell, it produces a frustratingly large amount of fling onto the wheel.

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

2 months ON TEST

