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Oxford XA14 alarmed disc lock £79.99

'Small, loud and super-tough'

Tested by Richard Newland, five months

If you want something that looks like you've got a wheel clamp attached to your disc, then this probably isn't for you – but if you want a highly portable tough and noisy disc lock that's Sold Secure Motorcycle Gold standard certified, then read on. The XA14 is certainly compact, but it's got the minerals to slow a thief down and if the light-fingered scumbag decides to have a good go at removing it, they'll also have the 110dB siren to contend with. The lock feels solid and well-made, is attractively bold in bright yellow (black also available), comes with three very sturdy keys (and a key code in case you lose them all), and boasts a fat 14mm locking pin to keep it in place. Being small, it's easy to slip

into a tankbag, pannier or rucksack – although it'd be nice if it had its own little pouch to stow away in. You get a reminder cord, which I know from bitter experience should always be used, and the alarm battery is a USB rechargeable unit so you don't need to buy a box of button batteries with it and can even charge it while riding if you have a power point on your bike. **Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**
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PROS & CONS

- ➕ Small, GOLD standard security, alarm is loud!
- ➖ Looks deceptively weedy, no carry-pouch

Always use the reminder...



Oxford Valve Access Tool £10.99

'A little gem, that makes life easier'

Tested by Ali Silcox, two years



What a difference this little attachment makes, when pumping up the tyres on certain bikes. I struggle to access the valves on my XMAX – tucked behind the brake disc and at a 90° angle

makes it nigh on impossible to fit a pump. This little gem makes life so much easier. Attached to a short, flexible hose, the connector will fit to the valve on the tyre and link to my foot pump, which saves that aggravating moment when you struggle to connect the pump and let half the air out of your tyre! It's just over a tenner and worth the investment.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

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TWO YEARS

BS USB 12V din charger with voltmeter £22.99

Tested by Simon Relph, 14 months

This is a great pocket-size USB plug-in charger. It's great if you are out and about and need to charge a device. It plugs into the smaller 12mm din sockets, rather than the larger 18mm cigarette lighter. There are two USB outlets so you can charge more than one device at a time. Inbetween the two outlets is a red digital readout giving you the current status of your battery voltage; always handy!

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
bcbattery.co.uk

