



Defiant by name, defiant by nature...

6 months ON TEST

Carry pouch is a nice touch

## Squire Defiant Disc Brake Lock £199

**'Costly but comforting'**



**Tested by Carl Stevens for six months**

It has never been more important to keep your machinery as safe as possible, and a good, solid disc lock is a great way to keep things secure. The Defiant Disc lock from Squire is a great option, achieving the very highest Sold Secure grading levels with Diamond Approval, meaning that it's been designed to withstand the most brutal attacks including angle grinders and power tools.

It feels incredibly secure and well-built, with a snug fitment to the brake disc. Yet even though the Defiant is impressively effective in its security, the best thing is that it's small and weighs in at just 1.1kg, so it fits easily into a rucksack and isn't noticeable either.

The only real drawback comes in the form of the asking price, as on the one hand, £199 is a lot of money for a disc lock. Yet, it's one of the most rugged locks I've ever used and if it saves your pride and joy, it's worth every penny – and in today's environment, you can never be too careful.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
www.squirelocks.co.uk



Strong but it could be longer

## Abus Granit CityChain XPlus 1060 £180

**'Feeling short chain-ged'**



**Tested by Steve Herbert-Mattick since 2015**

Heading off to go two-up touring in Europe in 2015, I wanted the reassurance of a decent lock and chain, without it adding too much weight or taking up too much room in my luggage.

Abus Granit chains have a solid reputation for providing top-quality security, and the CityChain XPlus weighs in at 2.1kg. With the highest security level (it is Sold Secure Gold but in the pedal cycle class), hardened steel lock body and XPlus anti-tamper barrel, I feel confident the 10mm hexagonal chain will withstand most attacks. A hard-wearing textile sleeve prevents the heavy-duty chain from damaging paint.

Although I do feel its weight, the CityChain is small enough to carry and after eight years of use, barring a few scuffs it's still going (very) strong. It comes with two keys.

The only problem is its length. At 70cm, I can barely get it round most bike's front wheel and fork leg. Forget about locking to anything.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
mobil.abus.com/uk

8 years ON TEST



12 months ON TEST

120dB alarm is a definite bonus

## Kovix KCL8 Alarmed Chain Lock £85

**'That'll get attention!'**

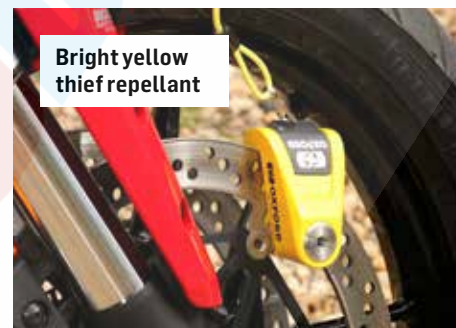


**Tested by Saffron Wilson for 12 months**

If you are after a reliable touring lock, you can't go far wrong with this. It's lightweight, 1.2m long and easy to use, once you get the hang of it. Plus there's extra peace of mind from the integral alarm. As there is a later version of the lock, you can get one of these for a good deal if you do a bit of shopping around, and as the battery life is lengthy (a claimed 8-10 months) you can keep it in your pannier or

topbox for the summer riding season. Just bear in mind that the alarm isn't rechargeable so you'll have to change the battery instead. The chain is made from hardened steel and, while it's not the chunkiest out there, the benefit is that you can transport it easily and secure your bike to a fixed object when you park up. And there is that 120dB alarm to scare away anyone who tries to disturb it. It has not been Sold Secure approved.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
www.kovix-security.eu



Bright yellow thief repellent

## Oxford XA14 Alarmed Disc Lock £79.99

**'Loaded and locked'**



**Tested by Richard Newland for two years**

The XA14 is a portable, tough, Sold Secure 'Motorcycle Powered Cycle Gold' certified lock with a shouty 110dB alarm built in.

Just compact enough to slide into a big jacket pocket, it is even better if you have room under the seat, in a tank-bag or rucksack. The main body is forged stainless steel and protects a sturdy 14mm locking pin. I've not yet found a bike that I can't fit it to, and after two years of all-weather use the lock still feels like new. It's bold in bright yellow – or more subtle if you take the black option. You get three sturdy keys; a reminder cord; and a USB lead to recharge the alarm battery – but no storage pouch.

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

2 years ON TEST

## Xena XX14 £74.99



**'It's small but very, very loud'**



**Tested by Simon Relph for six years**

For the past six years I have put my trust in this Xena XX14 disc lock with built-in alarm. The 14 in the title corresponds to the size in millimetres of the carbide-reinforced double locking pin that goes through your disc. Sizes available are 6, 10, 14 and 15mm, so there is something in the range to fit most machines. Now about that alarm... it makes me cower just thinking about it. The 120dB is highly offensive to the ear, and no doubt a great way to scare away any thief who has intentions of disappearing off with your bike.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
www.xenasecurity.com