

## TRIED & TESTED

MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT



Long cable and flexi tubing makes life easy



There's a range of nozzles for different parts of the bike

6 months ON TEST

**Brühl MD1400 Single Turbine Dryer £129**

# 'Loud, but impressive'



**Tested by Dan Sutherland for six months**

I started using this Brühl dryer in the depths of winter to help keep my Suzuki GSX-8S long-term rust free. Riding on a near daily basis come rain or shine, I needed something to dry the bike off before popping it in the garage – either after rinsing off the salt after a quick wash or dispersing any lingering rain water at the end of a wet trip home.

The MD1400 has been the perfect companion for this, and I've since gone on to use it for my own sport and classic machinery after every wash. It takes up minimal space in the corner of the garage, and uses a filtered air intake to make sure no debris gets peppered into the bodywork of your pride and joy.

There's a choice of three plastic nozzles and a neat handle on the top for carrying it around the bike, with a flexible hose for navigating into the tightest of nooks and crannies. The cable

from the plug sits at around three metres, which is long enough to run out of my garage, to allow me to do my drying duties without covering the floor inside with water.

The blast of air is impressive and makes light work of clearing water from flat surfaces such as the fuel tank and fairings. Point it at your seat and you can see the padding change colour as it dries in a matter of seconds.

You can also blast your switchgear, dash, and fasteners as well as clearing out water from places you wouldn't even think of, such as your ignition barrel. After a few washes you start to learn how the water behaves when blasted, meaning you become more efficient with your movements. It also means you can extract the damp from places a towel could never reach, such as behind the mirrors, brake calipers and the radiator which holds a surprising amount of moisture.

However, there is one issue with the Brühl which can sometimes stop me from using it

and that's the noise it makes. It's already fairly boisterous when you fire it into life, but when applied to the dripping bike, the air can whistle so loudly against certain parts that I have to wear ear plugs during operation.

Living in a built up area, I'm conscious of using it in the evening after a ride home from work, for fearing of upsetting the neighbours, or waking young children. On these occasions, I'm forced to whack out the good old fashioned drying cloths to do the job.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
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### PROS & CONS

- + Well built, compact, easy to use and highly effective
- Very loud, limiting use at certain times

The air is filtered so it doesn't pepper your bodywork with debris



Handy carry handle to lug it out of the garage