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MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT

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Thieves will have their work cut out here

5 months ON TEST



Squire Massiv Padlock & Chain £199.99

'Gold standard kit'



Tested by Adam Oldfield for five months

When you leave your bike during the day for work, or at night when you have reached your destination, you want to feel assured that it's safe, secure, and going to be there when you return. There shouldn't be any niggles or seeds of doubt that your pride and joy may be vulnerable to opportunists.

Well, seeds of doubt be gone; no more anxiety with this hefty ally. The Squire Massiv chain is exactly that, massive. Weighing in at 5.52kg, and 1.2m in length with a chain thickness of 14mm, it's hard to imagine the size and weight of it until you see it in the metal. With a Sold Secure Gold security rating, this chain and lock set gives you peace of mind and while it's not cheap, it is a worthwhile investment.

The lock is made from hardened steel with a boron alloy steel shackle, that when locked, is

almost fully shielded by the lock's body. Accompanied by a six-pin cylinder, anti-drill covering and protective dust cover. It allows you to shackle to one chain link that you can pass through the other end to complete the formidable loop.

Using the set at home, it easily passes through most of the ground anchor loops that I have installed and provides enough length to thread through the swingarm and wheel. At my storage unit the set gets used in tandem with an alarmed disc lock.

Equally, if you have the capacity to carry the chain and lock set when you travel it does mean you get to take that peace of mind with you. However, it is worth checking the weight limits of your panniers or topbox.

Quality wise, it's like no other set I have tried. There is a sureness in the padlock, and mechanical ease when operating it. That quality transfers to the chain as well, the sheath is not just cheap plastic that will

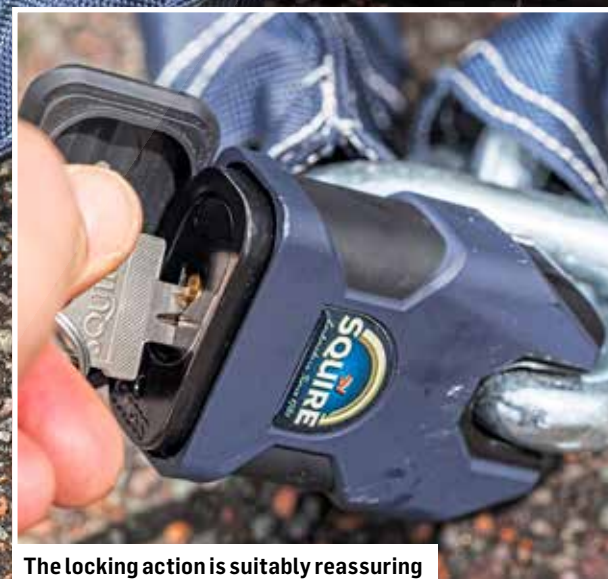
deteriorate quickly, it is a durable piece designed to last.

Investing in a decent security setup like the Squire Massiv is something that I would impress upon any rider. Better to fork out proactively for locks and chains, than to pay for it with the loss of a bike, higher premiums and that seemingly never-ending stream of insurance admin. If you have experienced that, then it alone should convince you to buy better defences, Massiv defences.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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PROS & CONS

- + Impressive finish, quality weather proofing on chain sleeve and lock
- Weighing 5.52kg, it is close to the limit for some luggage



The locking action is suitably reassuring

Hefty but it will loop through most ground anchor points for max security



The hardened steel chain links are 14mm thick