



EASTON EA50 BAR AND STEM

£27.99 (BARS) £44.99 (STEM) EXTRA UK LTD 01933 672 170 www.extrauk.co.uk

Despite their modest price, Easton's EA50 bar and stem combo pack a powerful punch. The stem is made from 2014 aluminium and features Easton's TaperWall technology. We went for the 20 degree rise (a zero degree is available) and 70mm length (they offer options up to 120mm), which felt great on our cross-country and trail machines.

The stem feels stiff thanks to the DST design, which distributes stress between bars, stem and faceplate more evenly. The looks verge on

stealthy as opposed to showy, but the EA50 lets its performance do the talking. The bars are 685mm wide flat offerings. The feel is good and the 9-degree backsweep is comfy. If you're thinking about giving flat bars a go on your cross-country machine, then these are good starting points that won't hurt your wallet. **Ric**

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Great quality at a great price - you can't go wrong

NOMAD 18 VOLT CORDLESS PRESSURE WASHER

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The Nomad Pressure Washer will hold 14 litres of water in its detachable tank, which is about enough to clean two pretty soiled bikes. The fact that the water tank is detachable means you don't have to lug the entire unit around every time you need a refill, which we think is great.

Within the neoprene zip pocket on the front of the washer sit all the essentials to keep it going. Aside from the 18-volt battery that the Nomad runs from, there's also an 18-volt battery charger with mains adaptor, a 12-volt power supply cord that you can run from a cigarette lighter in a car, a long length of hose and a spray gun head.

Setting it up is simple, and with the battery fully charged, it'll keep going for a surprisingly long time. The 98psi of pressure produced is powerful enough to clean off some of the most stubborn mud but still leave your bearing and fork seals intact should the jet stream stray.

Our washer has been bouncing around in the back of cars and vans for months now and still hasn't shown any signs of leaks.

The Nomad is simple and easy to use without taking up too much boot space in the process, making it ideal for those post ride hose-downs or pre-race touch-ups. **Rob**

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A well thought out bit of kit that's not only simple, but truly portable, making our lives much easier



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