

## WASH & GO▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶

Portable bike washers are usually the preserve of those with huge motorhomes kitted-out with watertanks, or riders who're prepared to carry whacking great water-butts in the back of their van.

Well not any more because this clever Nomad portable power washer is a neat way to start getting your bike clean with the minimum hassle, and without having to carry large amounts of water.

Run off a rechargeable 18v battery (which can discharge the entire water tank twice over), the unit is entirely self-contained, holding three-gallons of water within its rugged plastic body. The beauty of this device however is that the water bottle part is detachable from the main unit (it clips together), so that the reservoir can be filled/refilled from a water source without having to lug the weight of the rest of the machine around.

The whole unit is about the size and weight of a jerrycan, making it easily portable, so it won't take up much room in your boot. And should the battery go flat - part way through a clean - the Nomad will run off a regular 12v power socket in your car.

In terms of cleaning power, it's got about the same pressure as a garden hose with your finger held over the end, so it won't clean a crud-caked bike, but it will begin to get some of the dirt off, and it'll certainly clean down a bike that's not clattered.



Clever attention to detail like the 6m long hose, spray pistol with variable nozzle, two in-line (washable) filters, a shoulder strap and a built-in neoprene bag which takes care of all the accessories, means the Nomad gets our vote one of the best designed products of the year.

Best of all we love the price: £169.99 is not a lot to pay for an item like the Nomad especially as it'll double up as a way of getting the kids/dog clean after a day spent on the beach.

The Nomad comes in this orange or if you prefer, there's a jerrycan green. More info at [asptrad.co.uk](http://asptrad.co.uk), 01480 431111

## IN THE CAN▶▶▶▶

Extreme sports brand No Fear have now lent their name to an energy drink 'Extreme Energy'. Or as they modestly put it 'the ultimate x-rated energy boosting, mind focusing, great tasting energy drink!'

Taste-wise, we reckon that it's pretty darn similar to Red Bull and, like most fizzy 'energy' drinks it's bursting with caffeine (well, as much as they're allowed to squeeze in), to keep you buzzing. So what makes it stand out in an already congested market is that it comes in unique re-sealable cans - a UK first, the company claims.

There's no ring-pull as such - you simply turn a plastic disc atop the can and this opens a hole in the

re-sealable mechanism underneath. When you've had enough turn the disc again and the can seals. Clever stuff!

Having tried it out we found that it works pretty well - only when you really wave the can around does any drink leak out. The contents retain their fizz for almost the same length of time as a bottled drink would, plus it's handy knowing that you don't have to polish off all 485ml in one go and there's no spilling it in the front of your van.

A can of Extreme Energy costs £1.19 and they should be available in supermarkets and other convenience stores this summer. Aimia Foods are the UK distributors, so if you want to find exactly where it's stocked contact them on 01942 408600.

