

Nomad 12V Auto Cord washer £120

Well-made power washer for post-ride cleaning

The Nomad 12V is the smaller brother of the 18V cordless version (review at: <http://bit.ly/h4LXg6>); it uses the same robust construction and 14-litre tank but loses the portable battery pack for a car 12V socket adaptor to reduce the size and weight. The price also drops from £180 down to £120, making it a more reasonable investment. The real test is how it compares to its nearest rival, the £25 cheaper Mobi V15.

Both have a similar capacity (14 litres vs 15 litres) that's enough to clean two bikes well; run off a car cigarette lighter socket; are easy to fill and carry; get adjustable spray nozzles; and both are suitable to be taken in the back of the car. But the small

details count – the Nomad's leak-free push-fit connections for hose and nozzle are easier to use than the Mobi's fiddly press on and twist one, and it gets almost double the cord/hose reach (20ft vs 11.5ft), as well as more usable pressure and flow (2.15l/min). It may be £25 more expensive than the Mobi but the Nomad would get our hard earned. *Matt*
www.nomad-direct.co.uk



"Not the cheapest but the best executed car-powered washer."



Deuter Travel Lite 300 sleeping bag £65

Budget bag that does the job from spring to autumn

Deuter is better known for its excellent range of backpacks than its sleeping bags, but the quality and performance of its sleep systems is up with the best.

The Travel Lite 300 is rated down to -3 degrees, though we say that it really wants plus night temperatures before you get the sense that you're a bug wrapped in a snug rug. The warmth comes from 730g of Deuter Thermo Proloft synthetic fill arranged in an overlapping triple layer to trap more heat. The outer material is Deuter Dura Lite RS and the inner a soft Deuter Soft Micro.

The bag is as tough and durable as any leisure sleeping bag needs to be providing it is treated with a modicum of respect. An anti-snap baffled zip and integrated hood with drawcord round out the points of interest.

Sizing-wise the bag will fit up to a 209cm body. In width-terms there's room to cram other kit inside it if you're emergency drying stuff or sleeping fully clothed, which we did.

The bag is machine washable, quick drying and perfect for regular outings. The downsides are that it's not the smallest bag you can get, with the smallest being less than half the Travel Lite's size. That said it has a greater warmth range than those super minimalist bags. If you're on a single-nighter or on a car-supported bike/camp trip then the Travel Lite is where we'd sleep. *Justin*
www.deutergb.co.uk



"Not the smallest, but still a compact, lightweight and warm place to sleep."

Express Primus Ti stove £40

The lighter way to boil up your brew

Cooking on overnight camps and bivvies is best done on a camp stove and the Primus Ti is about the lightest fold-out stove top and regulator available. Weighing 82g it screws into the top of a standard camping gas bottle, and with the three serrated edge pot supports deployed, you're ready to cook, or make a brew (the unit has a boil time of 3.15 mins). Made from titanium this is for riders who want the ultimate lightweight camping ensemble. The head unit folds down and it comes with a carry pouch. *Justin*
www.primuscamping.com



"For stripped down camping there is no better stove."



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