

Jofama Bags

SRP £79/£89
www.jofama.se

The Jofama bag we have here is the smaller of two with 42-litres of storage capacity as opposed to the larger 52-litre option. These bags are designed to sit on the back of the bike and hang down each side, which is ideal if you are not using panniers.

The base of the bag has an anti-slip coating that will grip the pillion seat option and there are adjustable straps to secure it to the bike. The main fabric is robust polyester, which is abrasion and shower resistant, the bag also featuring three external mesh pockets that are handy for storing gloves and the like. Two of them also have elastic cargo nets to keep things in place. The bag is accessed via a top opening, with a zip closure covered with a flap. The two hanging sides have individual storage areas for smaller items.

Unfortunately the bag is not water proof and the contents need to be protected so Jofama has included three

water-tight storage bags with drawstrings. Personally I would replace these with different sized stuff bags, which I know will repel any water.

In a line: A compact tailpack with built in side bags.



Ortlieb Zip n Go Holdall

SRP £111
www.ortlieb.co.uk

I know a lot of riders who use roll bags from Ortlieb because the quality is always going to be there and it should last a multitude of trips and tours.

The Zip n Go Holdall is a fairly new product to the range, and instead of having a roll top it has a waterproof TIZIP zip that seals the bag and renders it water tight. These types of bags are used by nautical enthusiasts because, let's face it, they need it to be waterproof!

The Ortlieb is made from abrasion and fold resistant PU fabric, which should take a lot of punishment. The seams are also welded to ensure that there is no possibility of moisture getting in. It has a 45-litre capacity, which is a good size for strapping on the back of the bike.

I used one on a wet trip around Scotland with my camping gear inside, all of which remained dry. The only downside I could see was that the diagonal zip made it

a little awkward to get bulky items (like tent and sleeping bag) in and out.

It has a padded handle for easier carrying and there are fixing points for compression straps to secure the bag to the bike.

In a line: A tough, waterproof bag that'll last and last.

