

REVIEWS of Carradice Bike Bags

CARRADICE SUPER C REAR PANNIERS

Review from CYCLING PLUS - issue 115, February 2001



Travelling through parts of West Africa, these panniers were put through some pretty tough conditions - and coped well. The big issue with panniers, and often the most difficult problem to solve, is to stop them moving about the rack. Carradice uses two ratchet clips which attach the panniers to the bike; these worked perfectly despite the hammering of African roads, and I found them quick and easy to clip-off the rear rack. Although during testing

conditions were dry, the cotton duck construction did manage to keep out fine desert sands.

The 3M Scotchlite material on the pockets put my mind at ease when travelling at dusk. Their tough construction makes the panniers strong enough to survive being slung onto the roof of bush taxis, and being trodden on by camels - not that we'd recommend such wanton treatment.

But don't put them onto an airport carousel with the anti-sway catches attached - I ignored this and lost a catch. If you've got any doubts at all, remove all catches.

Our only criticism is that we would prefer the click-in clasps for extra kit to be positioned on the small side pockets instead of the main compartment. Capacity is a healthy 54 litres per pair.



VERDICT: 9

Highly recommended panniers from a well-respected British manufacturer

CARRADICE SUPER C FRONT BAG

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VERDICT: 9

Excellent bar bag with very few drawbacks

This is made from 100% waterproof and very hard wearing cotton duck. It uses one of the standard KlickFix fittings and weighs 880g. All of our standard test kit fitted inside except for the compact camera.

There is an internal key/change pocket and two other pockets that helps to organise the contents; less useful are small mesh

external pockets. The large map case in normal use is folded in half - it can't be left open as you cycle but is easier to use folded than the Ortlieb showing about a fold's worth of and OS map sideways.



CARRADICE SQR TOUR

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This large seat post mounted bag easily swallowed our test kit and various items - in our case the compact camera and tools - could handily be kept in the two small external pockets; a small Velcro fastened inner pocket took keys and change. It was 100% waterproof.

The seatpost quick release fitting was extremely easy and quick to use and there was no bag sway but it needed a clear 60mm or so of seatpost for fitting. On small frames there was not enough space to fit the bag over the mudguard. With medium and larger sized frames there was no problem. It weights 1130g



VERDICT: 9
*Very roomy seatpost
mount bag for all but
shorter riders*