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Brand New Kit

THE SMALL STUFF MTB BITS AND PIECES



MORVÉLO JOEY DRIERELEASE TECH TEE

£30 Morvélo
www.morvelo.com

This technical T-shirt not only looks cool, it dries quickly too, and keeps wiffs at bay for at least a couple of rides. It gets sweaty faster than a proper jersey but is worth considering for more casual pump track/dirt jump duties. **ROB**

MBUK ★★★★★



CANNONDALE TYRE LEVERS

£4.99 Cannondale
www.cannondale.com

These stiff little levers have a deep hooked tip that gets under the tyre bead and holds it securely. The dot pattern allows for slip-free leverage, the spoke hook hasn't failed yet and they're impressively strong for their 20g weight. **MATT**

MBUK ★★★★★



CLIF BAR SHOT GEL

£38.16 (box of 24) Extra UK
www.extrauk.co.uk

This tasty moca-flavoured gel is a little thicker than most, but once you get the contents – including 50mg of caffeine – down your neck, you can feel it take effect pretty quickly. It tastes good too. **ROB**

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Nukeproof Warhead Carbon handlebar

£100 Hotlines www.hotlines-uk.com

NUKEPROOF HAVE REDESIGNED their Warhead Carbon riser bar for 2016 and it looks and feels like a high-quality bit of kit, especially when you consider it's one of only a few composite bars to come in on or under the £100 mark.

At 780mm wide it'll suit all but the tallest of riders and if you do want to trim things down to a more manageable size, Nukeproof have included numerous cut marks so you can lop the necessary length off each end accurately.

We tested the 25mm rise version, which weighed 249g,

making it more than at home on a trail bike. But the bar is stiff and strong enough to handle the rigours of downhill riding and racing too.

The shape is great, with nine degrees of backsweep and six degrees of upsweep helping to place you in a strong and comfortable riding position. On the trail, we found the Warhead Carbon blended stiffness with enough suppleness to remove the sting out of really rough sections, improving comfort and control. **BEN**

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Fabric CO2/ Lever Kit

£19.99 Fabric www.fabric.cc

THIS HANDY LITTLE emergency tyre fitting bundle from Fabric has a rubber strap to keep it all together, which can also be used to attach it to a (fixed) seatpost if you don't want to stash it in a bag.

The tyre levers have quite a tight curve at the tip, so it can be tricky to get them under heavier tyres with tight beads. They're solid though, have decent spoke hooks and still work fine for the most part.

The CO₂ head screws on (two canisters are included) and offers effective tap-like control during tyre inflation. There's also a neoprene sleeve to stop you freezing your hands on the canister. **ROB**

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Slytech Kneepro XT Lite knee pads

£109.99 Slytech Protection www.slytechprotection.com



KNEE PADS THAT you can comfortably pedal in need to balance comfort, fit and protection well. While the Slytech Kneepro XT Lites manage some of these things with ease, they don't get the balancing act quite right.

The Kneepros use Slytech's '2ND SKIN XT' foam to keep your knees and upper shins safe. While it provides good protection, its relatively rigid structure meant we never got the knee hugging, confidence inspiring fit that you want from a knee pad. Though the stretchy,

strapless Lycra-style sleeve is super-comfy, the stiff padding means the pad can shift and lift when you bend your knee, requiring you to regularly have to reach down and slip them back into place.

As you warm up the foam does become a little more malleable, making pedalling bearable enough. But we found the lack of pad pre-shaping and their inability to stay exactly where needed without frequent readjustment frustrating. **ROB**

MBUK ★★★★★