

TwinSix Argyle jersey »

\$70 (£35)

Reviewed by CTC member Dawn King

There is an unwritten rule of cycling that says that women's clothing must either be decorated with large pink flowers or be unbearably tight and sporty. This was the first jersey I had found that was neither: a white and green TwinSix top, with not a flower in sight. TwinSix are an American company who specialise in quirky designs, and this was no exception: a funky Argyle that would not have looked out of place on the golf course.

The 'race-cut' sizing looked quite small, but the man-made fabric does have a lot of give. I have been wearing it all winter, and it did an admirable job of keeping the sweat off without looking like I had come straight from the gym.

I already have my eye on the black version (with skull prints!) out later this year. Clothing designers take note: girls who cycle should not be forced to lose their sense of style!

Details: sizes S-XXL. Visit www.twinsix.com for stockists. Minx carry some of their lines: www.minx-girl.com



« BBB BCP 13W computer

£39.95

Reviewed by touring and commuting cyclist Michael Stenning

This 15-function wireless computer has all the usual features you'd expect (including current speed, average speed, max speed, trip distance, odometer, auto start/stop, etc.) and some you wouldn't (lubrication and maintenance reminders, plus a handy low-battery indicator). Calibrating the unit is simple, but allow half an hour to familiarise yourself as the instructions can be a little confusing.

The mounting kit allows the choice of stem or bar mounting. Despite being heavily reliant on cable ties, the fork mounting is surprisingly secure – providing precise alignment between sensor and wheel magnet even on oversized blades.

User friendliness and reliability are the major strengths. A single button allows effortless toggling between modes – even with gloves – and clarity of display allows full concentration on conditions ahead.

Readings seem consistently accurate even riding past mobile phone masts and the head unit has survived accidental machine washing without ill effect. For all this, I would prefer a backlight rather than the slightly gimmicky maintenance reminders, and there are many brands offering similar specifications for less money.

Details: available in black or silver. Distributed by Greyville, tel: 01543 251328



DHB Marsden Bar Bag »

£29.99

Reviewed by touring and commuting cyclist Michael Stenning

More from DHB. This waterproof 8.3-litre bar bag is made from TPU-laminated nylon, a treatment that is claimed to provide higher abrasion resistance and lower environmental impact than PVC. The welded seams and rolling Velcro closure system supported by a click-fix buckle have ensured excellent foul weather protection (although in my experience, nothing is 100% waterproof).

The capacious main compartment readily swallows an SLR-sized camera, waterproof, cap, energy bars and anything else you might want quick access to. A smaller zipped pocket keeps keys, passport, mobile phone and other valuables safe, whilst the integrated map holder and Scotchlite reflectives are nice touches.

Build quality is generally good, still looking as new despite a couple of spills and the integral nylon base continues the solid feel. However, the handlebar bracket felt a little whippy when moderately laden and the QR is temperamental, requiring some gentle manipulation to assist the bag's removal. But these are minor niggles given the price.

Details: from Wiggle, www.wiggle.co.uk

