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LIGHT AND MOTION TAZ 1200

£199.99 | LIGHTANDMOTION.COM

The Light and Motion Taz is a self-contained unit with an especially compact design and a rapidly increasing range of escalating power outputs, with 1,000 and 1,500-lumen lights also available. This 1,200-lumen unit now tops the range and casts its considerable gaze via three CREE LEDs in a pattern that has been developed to light the way effectively at higher speeds; ideal for fast night rides.



LEZYNE MACRO DRIVE DUO

£69.99 | LEZYNE.COM

The Lezyne Macro Drive Duo is a clever unit which combines a front and rear light in one helmet-mounted package (mount provided). The lamp is USB-rechargeable and the Macro Drive Duo's versatility, at home on the urban commute but with enough power for careful riding on unlit roads, makes it a very useful secondary light to a handlebar-mounted unit.



CATEYE VOLT 1200

£149.99 | CATEYE.COM

The Volt 1200 is Cateye's most powerful light to date and part of a four-strong range which also includes the Volt 700, Volt 300 and Volt 100. It's USB-rechargeable, as we've come to expect, and has five modes, providing a versatile range of illumination options for anything from commuting to night rides.



EXPOSURE STRADA

£269.95 | USE1.COM

High-powered, self-contained lights – those that combine a lamp and battery in a single unit – are now standard fare and the superb Exposure Strada is one of the best we've tested. The 800-lumen lamp, which has six power options, provides ample light for riding on unlit roads and throws out a road-specific beam pattern designed not to dazzle drivers. It's expensive, yes, but the robust unit will stand the test of time.



The Lezyne Port-a-Shop mini toolkit does what it says on the tin - or the padded Cordura fabric carry case at any rate. It's a portable workshop, small enough to throw in the back of the car ahead of a sportive, or in a bike box if travelling overseas, and with all the high-quality tools you're likely to need, from Allen keys to Torx keys, screwdrivers to spoke tools, tyre levers to spanners, and plenty more. The tools are held in labelled pockets and, while this is designed as a mobile workshop, you're unlikely to need much more at home. Our toolkit is a limited edition number supplied to the Lotto-Belisol team.

LEZYNE PORT-A-SHOP

£99.99 | LEZYNE.COM



CRANK BROTHERS Y16

£39.99 | CRANKBROTHERS.COM

California-based Crank Brothers have launched two new multi-tools: the Y12 and the slightly larger Y16 featured here. The 260g Y16 is a three-way tool which comes with a series of attachments, including magnetised Allen key heads, Torx T10 and T25 keys, Phillips and flat-head screwdrivers, two spoke keys, a chain tool and a CO2 inflator, all held in an innovative and compact carry case. The 166g Y12 loses the chain tool and CO2 inflator but gains a small storage compartment and the price drops to £24.99.

SKS AIRMENIUS

£89.99 | SKS-GERMANY.COM

The range-topping SKS Airmenius is a professional-grade track pump, built to be bombproof and user friendly - and it succeeds on both counts. The pump stands at 735mm tall and the trapezoidal aluminium barrel offers a generous 575mm stroke, so tyres are pumped up in no time, while the pressure gauge is easy to read. The solid aluminium base gives the pump a wide, stable stance and the cork handle is plenty grippy. The bottom of the Airmenius can also be opened to remove grease and debris from the barrel.

LEZYNE CNC TRAVEL DRIVE

£89.99 | LEZYNE.COM

If you travel regularly with your bike, whether that's to a sportive or, more pertinently, overseas, then the Lezyne CNC Travel Drive fits the bill as a compact floor pump which takes up little space in the back of your car or bike box, while comfortably inflating tyres to 120PSI. Like all Lezyne products, it's as stylish a pump as you'll find, made from CNC-machined aluminium (the Floor Drive is also available in steel and with a wooden handle for a wallet-friendly £44.99), while the screw-on ABS Flip-Thread Chuck provides a secure connection on Presta and Schrader valves. This custom pump is a limited edition model supplied to the Lotto-Belisol team.

