



1) ALPKIT KOALA

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The Koala is a lightweight, all-in-one bag that attaches easily to the saddle and seatpost. The bag's three removable straps allow for plenty of adjustment, although both straps and clips are very thin; I wondered how durable they'd be long term. The pack is held solidly to the bike, with no discernible sway or dumping over rough ground. The capacity of 13 litres is enough by itself for an extremely lightweight summer trip, and the roll-top closure adds some versatility as the bag can be used to carry lids. Alpkit will customise the Koala on request, changing colours or fixings. The bag's VX2¹ material kept the water out during my heavy shower simulation but is not completely waterproof, so you may want a drybag. The bright colour of the test pack provided added visibility. Weight: 250g

● *A well-designed and lightweight bag that's ideally suited to off-road touring*