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HEAVYWEIGHT SECURITY DEVICES TESTED AND BUSTED!



Sadly, you can't always keep your bike with you. So on those occasions when you're not there to keep an eye on it, make sure you leave it in good company – ideally secure in the custody of a seriously tough lock. Not an area to scrimp on, so we've rounded up a selection of the toughest and most innovative shackles around. Most of them have been independently rated by Sold Secure, an organisation originally set up by the Police

and Home Office, but now administered by the Association of Master Locksmiths. They test locks for the insurance industry and provide a rating of either Gold, Silver or Bronze, depending on their ability to withstand attack. However, taking their word for it would be no fun, so instead BikesEtc busted out the power tools and got medieval on their collective metal asses, to find out which one would come out on top.



HIPOK GOLD ALL BLACK

BOLT CROPPERS: Survived
ANGLE GRINDER: 1 min 52 seconds

▶ WHAT THE MAKERS SAY:

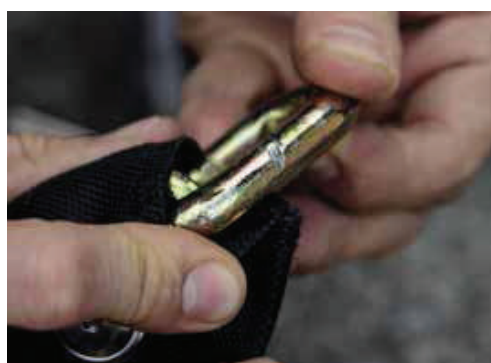
A convenient way to carry the highest security lock without the need for a bag, the Hiplok Gold is the ultimate in wearable cycle security. Featuring a patented adjustable design to fit the rider's waist without being locked to them.

▶ WHAT WE SAY:

Carbon frames hate having things like lock mounts bolted onto them. And people in general dislike spoiling the lines of their bike with ugly brackets. Picking up a trend started by couriers, the Hiplok combines a heavy duty chain with an easily adjustable buckle to fit it around your waist. Despite its heft, it's surprisingly comfy to wear. Bolt croppers left little more than dent. Moving onto the grinder, the double-locking design of the padlock means the quickest way through is to ignore it and instead chop both sides of a chain link. While the first cut went through quickly, moving to get purchase on the other side bumped the overall time to just south of two minutes. Keeping the chain in place while cutting is also tricky, increasing the likelihood of the thief accidentally lopping off their own digits in the process.

£84.99

hiplok.com



VERDICT

Bolt croppers left little more than dent.

HIPLOK DX ORANGE

BOLT CROPPERS: Survived
ANGLE GRINDER: 1 min 57 seconds

▶ WHAT THE MAKERS SAY:

The ultimate D-lock design built to the strongest standard. This Sold Secure Gold-rated D-lock features our unique CLIP + RIDE system so that it can be easily carried on bag straps and belts, no bag or bracket required.

▶ WHAT WE SAY:

Another lock designed to be worn on a belt or bag strap or otherwise chucked in a holdall. When wearing the lock, a pair of hooks built into the back of the body securely clip it into place, without adding significantly to the overall size. The DX's compact reach is best suited to skinny framed road bikes and proper bike stands as it'll struggle to fit around anything beefier. It's probably shallow to be impressed by how nice it looks but we were. It's functional too, coming with three coded (and therefore replaceable) keys. Well priced for a Gold-rated lock, we got precisely nowhere with the croppers so switched to the grinder. Due to the small size of the shackle and its double-locking mechanism, it's difficult to extricate the bike with a single cut, meaning it'll need cutting in two places as long as you ensure you've filled its internal space.

 £69.99

 hiplok.com

VERDICT

Replaceable keys and a double-locking shackle make this a strong contender

MEET THE HIPLOK FLX

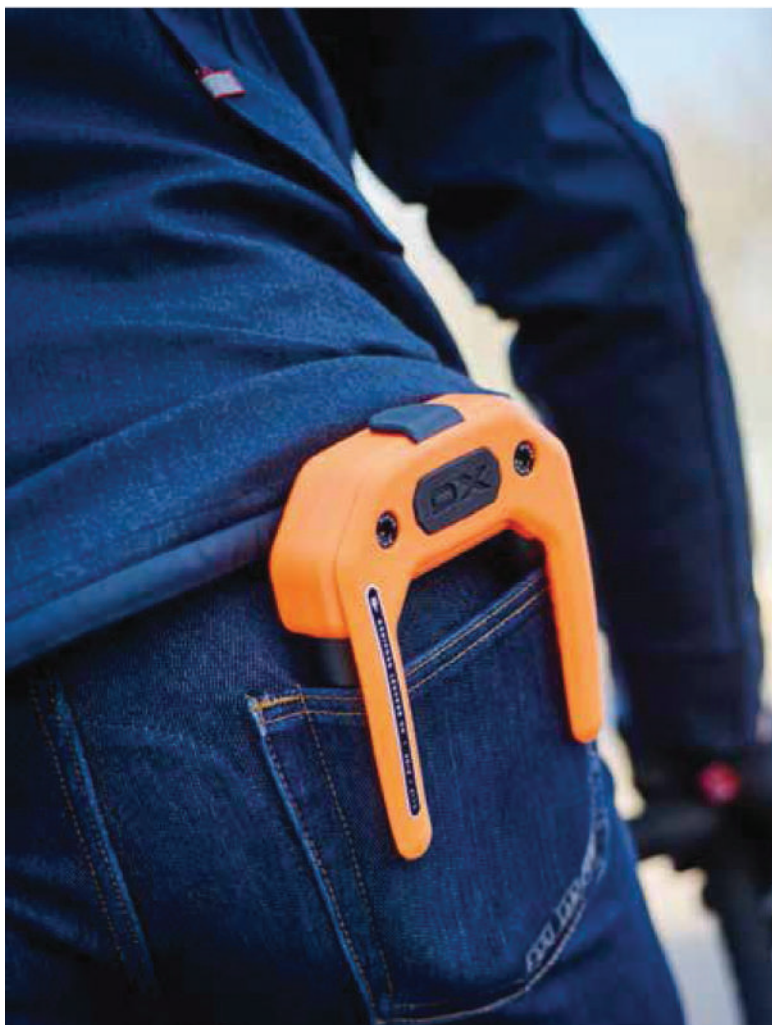
Small but perfectly formed toe-rag deterrent arrives – and we like it. A lot!

HIPLOK FLX
PRICE: £29.99
CONTACT: hiplok.com

Over on page 74 you'll find we've tested some pretty meaty locks to see how secure they really are. This new lock from Hiplok didn't make that test on the grounds that it didn't meet the criteria (ie it isn't enough of a heavyweight) but we thought it worthy of bringing it to your attention all the same. Why? Well, when it comes to having a simple lock that you can pop on your bike when you nip into a shop for a couple of minutes or stop for a quick coffee

and slice of cake, this takes some beating.

Perfect for low-level security and ideal for putting off opportunistic rogues, the FLX is about the size of a deck of cards but it crams a lot into that slender package. There's a one-metre long steel cable coiled up inside that rather cool-looking case, which also boasts a clip so you can wear it when it's not deployed. And some clever so-and-so's even thought of adding a 10-lumen LED light to the mix so that when you do don it, it can help to keep you safe, too. The three-digit combination lock, which is easily set to something memorable, means no faffing about with keys – and as it weighs in at a mere 100 grams (again about the same as a deck of cards) it's ideal for the marginal gainers among you. It's weatherproof, comes complete with batteries and will set you back about thirty of your English pounds. It's also available in either black or white to blend in perfectly with your cycling duds, making it, all in all, a pretty hip lock. 



HIPOK HOMIE AND DX

The new product assault continues from Hiplok with the Homie, their first stay-at-home chain. It's 1.5m long, so it can lock several bikes together, and the fabric sleeve prevents scratches to frames. When not in use, the Homie can be stored on a dedicated wall hook using the bar built into the lock. The Homie uses a 10mm hardened steel chain and gets a Sold Secure Gold rating.

Elsewhere, the DX, Hiplok's toughest ever D-lock has been launched officially and will cost £69.99, or £79.99 in DXC form with cable to loop through your wheels and saddle. Also new is the very light, and light-equipped, FLX combination cable lock which is intended to secure your helmet to your bike at cafe stops. It has flashing red light that faces traffic when it's clipped to a rear pocket. The FLX costs £29.99.

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triradar.com



HIPOK FLX

£29.99 hiplok.com

Every so often something really useful comes into our office and makes us wonder how we survived without it. This time it's the Hiplok FLX, a lightweight wearable cable lock with rear LED light, so you can stop off for coffee on rides without the hassle of carrying a heavy lock or getting your bike nicked. Plus the light means you won't be caught out when darkness falls.



9 COOLEST THINGS IN THE WORLD THIS WEEK

Airlok wall-mounted bike lock



It's a wall-mounted bike storage hanger and a hardened steel lock, so you can clear some floor space and you don't have to worry about losing your wheels. It works inside and outside, too, so you can hang your bicycle with impunity. Essential kit for urban bikers.

HOME / INTERIOR & EXTERIOR

AIRLOK BICYCLE RACK

Made not only to store your bike but also protect it from thieves, the **Airlok Bicycle Rack** is an indoor/outdoor storage solution. Developed by the Hiplok team, it has a triangular shape that hides its secure connection to your wall and can hold even the heaviest of rides. The hardened steel locking pin, frame, and closed loop design virtually guarantee your bike will be right where you left it, even if it's near the street, and the horizontal design means you don't have to lift your bike any higher than the level at which it's stored.

Wallpaper*

Bites: Wallpaper's pick of the latest grooming, food and technology goings-on

Cycling has always been an aesthetically alluring pastime, segueing between the classic clean lines of vintage steel, ruggedly muscular mountain bikes and the space-age geometries of carbon racers (give or take a few bulky hybrids and ungainly city bikes). In recent years, its outlying elements have been playing catch-up – canny labels, particularly, are finally developing fashion-forward cycle wear – though the aspect of security has always been functional at best.

British brand Hiplok is looking to change that with Airlok. The world's first Gold Rated bicycle storage hanger, the compact design is attractively minimalist, constructed in hardened steel with an impact-resistant outer casing hiding the lock's frame and fixings. Securing the frame with a single hardened steel pin, the design is proof that, in the resolutely unsexy world of cycle storage, form and function needn't be mutually exclusive.

'To date there hasn't been a stylish yet secure means of storing your bike – the choice has been unsightly ground anchors or beautiful wall hangers with no security,' says Hiplok's co-founder Ben Smith. 'Airlok solves this problem, combining top level security with elegant, functional design.'



HIPOK CUSTOMER REVIEWS



LITE

"I needed a lightweight but tough enough lock to take with me when I do my park run. This is just the lock. Light enough to wear around your waist & once it's on you don't notice it. It's thick enough to deter bolt cropper thieves." - Halfords Customer



Good tough lock



GOLD

"Easy to use, looks and is solid. Once I'm cycling I'm usually unaware that I'm wearing it." - Evans Cycles Customer

Brilliant



5/5



LITE

"I love not having to carry the lock around my arm or shoulders, and it feels heavy duty enough to be secure. The padlock is chunky and good quality " - Wiggle Customer



D

"It's compact, secure, and easy to tote thanks to the clips."



ORIGINAL SUPERBRIGHT

"The Hiplok Original SUPERBRIGHT keeping me and my Lemond safe at night. Love this lock!"



DXC

"Bike reservation secure with Hiplok ensuring peace of mind whilst sat a carriage away from my bike"



DX

"When travelling it's always handy to have a proper bike lock. The Hiplok DX does the job"



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