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WOLFY ESCAPE PAK

Wolfman's Wolfy Escape Pak offers riders valuable storage and hydration, in a well-constructed package that includes many moto-specific features.

The rugged 1680 denier ballistic nylon exterior shell measures approximately 18" high x 12" wide x 6" deep and offers 0.5 cubic foot capacity, or more than enough to swallow a day ride's worth of food and sundries. Commuters will easily be able to store most midsize laptops, full size tablets, and the usual paperwork with room to spare between the main storage compartment and the single exterior zipped pocket. Six internal subpockets help to keep smaller items organized, while integrated holsters on each side of the main shell are perfect for storing water bottles. Even more storage can be added with the included "Rolie Patch," an 8.5-in. high x 6-in. wide rubberized slotted section on the bag's main face, onto which Wolfman's optional "Rolie" storage bags and "Wolfy" bottle holders can be quick-attached using extra straps. We did not test these optional items. All zippers are oversized YKK units, and the main compartment has a yellow tether on its #10 zipper, so it's easier to locate in low-light conditions.

Behind the main storage compartment facing the rider's back, another foam-lined compartment houses a 100 oz. HydraPak fluid reservoir. Useful hose length is a very generous 30 inches, and multiple nylon loops on both right and left shoulder straps allow the rider to route the hose on either side. The hose terminates in a lockable bite valve, and the whole hose assembly can be quick-detached from the reservoir for easy cleaning and refilling.

The fitment system consists of two breathable mesh main shoulder straps, a single sternum strap, and a beefy waist belt. These various straps all provide more than enough adjustment capability to fit comfortably over any jacket, from thinnest summer mesh to the bulkiest winter gear.

The Wolfy Escape Pak proved to be a supremely functional, all-day comfortable, and extremely rugged companion. The waist belt worked wonders in distributing the Pak's weight over my entire back, dramatically reducing stress on my shoulders during longer rides. The hydration hose held tight with the included nylon loops on the shoulder straps, with no flopping around at speed, nor did the bite valve leak. The "Reflex" reflective stripes on the Pak's rear, sides, and front straps really popped at night when hit with headlights. MSRP, \$189.99

—Moshe K. Levy

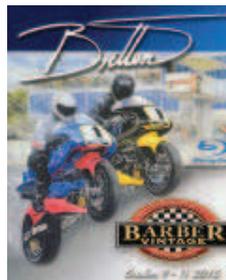


» Documentary

BRITTENS AT BARBER

Seeking a special attraction for the Barber Vintage Festival, organizers reached out to the "caretakers" of the 10 existing Britten V1000s. John Britten's hand-designed, blue and pink bikes were manufactured in his garage in New Zealand in the early 90s. "The Britten" won podiums against factory motorcycles at Battle of the Twins, recording the fastest top speed at Isle of Man TT and four world speed records. John died before the bike made it to market.

The video is about nine owners from around the globe shipping their bikes in for the Barber Vintage Festival. We would have enjoyed an even deeper dive into how the Barber staff handles such priceless machines. It's fun to watch Brittens being bump-started and five are taken on the track for a few slow-paced laps. Unfortunately, the amazing aural bliss coming from the bikes is overlaid with loud rock music.



Built in beautiful Christchurch, New Zealand, the video only briefly covers a pair of earthquakes there that nearly destroyed three of the bikes. In the early 90s, someone had the incredible foresight to document the production process of the Britten, released in 1995 as the documentary *One Man's Dream* (out of print). Barber should acquire the rights and re-release both documentaries together with additional focus on the speech by Kirsteen Britten, inspiring people to follow their dreams, and an expansion on the extremely brief coverage of how and why individual components were designed. A video breakdown of Britten's innovations would be a must-have for any motorcyclist.

The limited video from the 1990s is low resolution and there's an unnecessary segment on the auction dinner and posing with the bikes for photography. However, for Britten fans, this is a worthwhile addition to your collection. Those curious about Britten history will be better served hunting for a copy of *One Man's Dream*.

Receive a free Blu-ray of Brittens at Barber with membership in the Barber Museum Turn 9 Club (\$80, purchase or renewal) by entering "BRITTEN" in the comments section of your online order.

—David Hilgendorf

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