

WE SAY...
The best balance of brightness, run-times and usability, if a bit pricey



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04 EXPOSURE TRACER
£45

★★★★★
WEIGHT 48.5g
RUN TIME 3-24 hours

▶ The Tracer resembles an emergency flare, its machined aluminium exterior, single LED and prominent lens all standing out in a market full of plastic. Extremely tough feeling despite its diminutive size, the bracket it snaps into is also nigh-on unbreakable. It does a great job of maximising its 75 lumens. Battery life is three hours in high output mode, six in medium and 12 in low (double that for flashing). Its rubber backing is rather hard, however, and doesn't prevent the light from getting knocked askew.

05 LEZYNE STRIP PRO
ALERT DRIVE £55

★★★★★
WEIGHT 65.9g
RUN TIME 6:15-28 hours

▶ This scorchingly bright light has 300 lumens for daytime use, dropping to between 30 and 60 for night-time cycling. Run-times are long, flashing patterns plentiful and its construction robust. Besides these benefits, the light includes an Alert mode that boosts brightness as you slow down and absolutely blitzes any following traffic if you yank the brakes. Always active and quite sensitive, excessive starting and stopping will eat into battery life slightly. Nevertheless, we still found it a great feature.

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06 SPECIALIZED FLUX
250R £65

★★★★★
WEIGHT 45.7g
RUN TIME 3-60 hours

▶ This light's enormous 250-lumen headline output refers to its daytime flashing mode. Phenomenally bright, it's enough to attract attention on even the sunniest days. It will also last a respectable eight hours. By comparison, evening rides are covered by 100 lumens of constant output or 25 when flashing. With run-times spanning 3-60 hours, even the Eco setting is reassuringly punchy. Construction is neat and light, and, while the band-on attachment is minimalist, it proved secure. Given the limited modes, its operation is also extremely straightforward.