

MINI GROUP TEST TRACK PUMPS

EVERY RIDER NEEDS A PROPER TRACK PUMP TO MAKE EASY AND ACCURATE WORK OF INFLATING. TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THESE SIX OPTIONS...



£39.99

SPECIALIZED AIR TOOL COMP

SPECIALIZED 020 8391 3500

Specialized have been making track pumps for years and it shows. They know trackies have a tough life, so they've given the Comp a sturdy metal base that won't topple over. You get grip tape patches down there so your feet won't slip off.

The pressure gauge on the base is accurate and it features psi and bar readings. The double valve head is compatible with Presta and Schrader valves and it's fast and reliable. We've been using the Comp for a while without any trouble so it's durable too.

MBUK Verdict 8

A hard-wearing, functional and high-speed track pump



£34.99

WRENCH FORCE AIR DADDY

TREK UK 01908 282626

This is the most costly of Wrench Force's three-pump range. The build quality is good. It has a very stable base and the pressure gauge is easy to view, with an adjustable indicator to show your desired pressure. The valve head is the Presta/Schrader-compatible side-by-side type that appears on many pumps; such valve heads seem to be a bit less reliable than the back-to-back type. We couldn't decide whether we liked the loose-spinning handle grips. The pump action is good though – it comfortably inflates up to 140psi.

MBUK Verdict 7

A sturdy pump with a strong action



£34.99

PUSH INTELLIHEAD ENERGY V2

FISHER OUTDOOR

01727 798345

The Energy V2 is Push's top-of-the-range track pump. Like most top-end pumps, the majority of its component parts are metal rather than plastic, which adds durability.

The handle is made from wood and the aluminium base features rubber grips to stop your feet sliding off it. Pumping efficiency is great up to around 140psi and the single Intellihead valve head works with both Schrader and Presta valves.

MBUK Verdict 8

Simple, lightweight and very effective



£39.95

AXIOM KOMPRES AIR PRO 260

WINDWAVE 02392 521912

Axiom track pumps start at £16.95 and the Air Pro is the top-end model. The big selling points are the long hose, tough Adapt-Air Plus easy-lock valve head and a gauge to measure pressure up to an ultimately pointless 260psi. Other pumps promote the advantages of a gauge at the top of the barrel but the Air Pro has a big, clear pressure gauge in the base, which adds extra stability too. The aluminium construction is excellent, the pump action is good and you get ball and mattress valve attachments.

MBUK Verdict 9

A well made and fuss-free pump



£36.99

TOPEAK JOE BLOW SPRINT

EXTRA UK 01933 672170

This pump has the pressure gauge at the top – useful for precise readings. We prefer the Sprint's back-to-back dual valve head to the SmartHead (a combined head for Presta and Schrader valves) on the up-market options. There's a pressure release button for precise adjustment, a handle lock for carrying ease and a dial for marking your usual pressure. The construction is tough, the base is the most stable of all the pumps here, the action is superb up to the highest pressures you'll need and the hose is the longest here.

MBUK Verdict 9

A sturdy feature-laden option and a market leader



£14.95

BBB AIRWAVE

GREYVILLE 01543 251328

BBB make several different track pumps, topping out at £34.95. This is the cheapest in the range (and in this test) but it's pretty good. The plastic construction makes it very light but the overall strength doesn't appear to suffer.

The dual-valve pump-action is excellent and we had no problem inflating road tyres to their maximum 140psi, so it should be fine for all mountain bike rubber. The base is less stable than most track pumps but at this price we're not complaining.

MBUK Verdict 5

A simple, lightweight, no-frills, top value offering