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Tortec Velocity £29.99

As the name suggests, the Velocity is designed for faster bikes. It's made deliberately narrow, which keeps your panniers inboard. You'll get slightly better handling and your bike will fit through narrower gaps. The downside is that it won't fit around tyres bigger than 28mm (or 1.25in), although that covers the majority of road bikes. It's aluminium for low weight, but can still carry 25kg. www.zyro.co.uk



Axiom Flip-Flop DLX £41.99

No rack mounts on your frame? No problem. This Axiom rack simply clamps to your seatpost (it'll fit posts from 25.4-33mm). The cranked beam can be flipped to get the load platform as low as possible with different frame designs and wheels sizes, while side support stays let you use conventional panniers. In common with most seatpost racks, weight capacity is relatively low, but 15kg should be adequate for commuters. www.paligap.cc

Vavert Metro £34.99

The compact Metro rack doesn't have enough side support for huge panniers, but for smaller commute-style ones it'll be fine. It won't fit around rear disc brakes, but those are still rare on the 700c wheels for which the Metro is designed. With 10.5mm diameter aluminium tubing, it's reasonably light and has a useful maximum load of 25kg. There's a light mount at the back, too. www.fisheroutdoor.co.uk

Tubus Cargo Classic £92.50

Tubus only makes racks, and the Classic has been in its range for a quarter of a century, refined as time goes on. It's a big rack, but the cranked rear stays give good support for larger panniers. With all-steel construction, the Cargo isn't that light, but it'll carry up to 40kg – if you've got a lot of gear to carry, this should be high on your list. It's not cheap, but it might outlast your bike. www.lyon.co.uk

