

Be prepared with camping gear from BestRest Products

BestRest Products first became popular with BMW riders in 2000 with the introduction of their backrest for the R 1100 GS, and later, for their CyclePump; however, under their company motto, "Hard Parts 4 Hard Rides" the company now offers an extensive, ever-expanding inventory of quality, innovative products exclusively for motorcyclists, including maintenance aids, luggage, electrical gear, and more. For moto-camping riders, a number of items exclusively developed and sold by BestRest Products have become indispensable.

Gotcha Straps

Need to strap a bedroll to the top of your topbox? Pannier hanging by a thread? The uses of BestRest's Gotcha straps are only limited by riders' imaginations (and possibly situations they haven't encountered yet!). The non-stretching nylon straps are two inches wide and have hook and loop material on the face and backside. The straps have a nylon buckle at one end, so to strap something down, the end of a Gotcha is passed through the buckle, cinched down, and stuck back on itself. Quick, non-marring, and waterproof, Gotcha Straps have held loads

weighing 250 lbs. Straps are offered in lengths from 20 to 72 inches and of course can be joined together for greater length. (\$3-7)

Nuke-Tape

We all know duct tape can often be the solution to many unexpected touring/camping problems, but a roll of the famous grey stuff is bulky, and winding some up into a smaller roll for your tank bag can turn it into a useless wad before you finally need it. Nuke-Tape, called "duct tape on steroids," comes in two by six inch strips, each strip with a peel-off paper backing tab. One pack takes up practically no space in a tank bag, and this cure for a tarp tear, a binged signal stalk, or whatever problem arises will be ready when you need it most. Believe it or not, the "Nuke" name comes from this extra-heavy duty tape's use in nuclear power plants! (\$5 for 20 strips)

Stuff Boxxes

Panniers hold a pile of important items, but how do you keep them organized and separated? BestRest's Stuff Boxxes are black plastic boxes with rounded corners, a "lifetime hinge" and a snap-close lid. A

neat, space-saving way to keep tools, cooking utensils, and sensitive camera gear organized, separated and secure, a Stuff Boxx measures 4.5" deep, 6.5" wide, and 8.5" high and has a label on top to mark its contents. Sets of four fit nicely in a medium-sized pannier. (\$8 each)

Storage Tubes

Another storage solution that should appeal to moto-campers is the BestRest Storage Tube. These PVC tubes have an ingenious expandable design; just twist the two halves together to lock to the desired height. They will not come apart unless twisted, and both the large size (4" wide, 8"-14" high) and the small (2.6" wide, 5"-8" high) have an octagonal base to keep them from rolling around. The large size neatly nests a JetBoil kit and spare fuel canister, while the small is perfect for tool sets, tire patch kits, etc., but as with many BestRest products, "multipurpose" is their middle name. (Small-\$8, Large-\$18 each)

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