



Endura MT500

£120 Weight 1250g*
Cargo 15L Liquid N/A

If you're looking for useful weather and crash protection, with a ton of features at a great price then Endura's trail tough MT500 bag may fit the bill. It's a traditional rucksack pattern with broad padding inserts inside the mesh shoulder straps and a deep hip belt with handy phone sized zippered pockets on either side to spread heavier loads over longer days. It sits relatively still as a general rule but there's an adjustable height chest strap for extra stability if you need it. Make sure you attach it securely though, otherwise the heavy metal end can swing round and smack you in the face really painfully.

The removable Koroyd CE back protector (CE 1621-2 Level 2) stiffens up the fit, but both the board and the bag are well ventilated so spine saving doesn't mean extra sweating. A tough rubberised base stops the bag and contents getting wet from back wheel spray. A pump sleeve aside, internal tool organisation relies on a separate 'wallet', which either adds faff or a useful extra element depending on your view.

It's not the priciest armoured pack around and you can buy it with or without a Hydrapak 3l bladder (£140 with).

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*1030g without back plate!

Heavy, but well ventilated, feature loaded and back armour-equipped pack at a good price.