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POWER PACK

Instant power on the go

LRM REVIEW

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PRICE:
£99.95

WHAT WE LIKED:
Compact size, lightweight and versatile

WHAT WE DID NOT LIKE:
Nothing

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RATING: ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

THIS XS Power Pack from Britpart is one of the best products that I have reviewed in a while. In fact, it's so good that everyone in the office now wants one. One of the Power Pack's main selling points is its small size and low weight. The actual battery bit is not much bigger than a slab of chocolate while the case that it comes in reminds me a little of those old CD carrier cases.

All the other space in the carry case is taken up with the incredible selection of cables, ports and plugs for 12 volts power supply. It also has other output options including 5 v and 19 v. Last year I was sent another power park to test, it was massive and must've weighed about 25kg. That was not very practical.

The XS Power Pack takes eight hours to fully charge the battery to its 18,000 mAh volume. It has a starting current of 300 A while its peak current is 600A. All of this technical jargon means is that you can fully charge your phone 14 times before you have to recharge the Power Pack's 615g battery. As for your Notebook that will take about four to six hours to charge and your phone about an hour. All very impressive and practical. Once fully charged the battery will last up to a year though manufacturers recommend that you charge it every three months. I have used it so much over the last few months that I don't have to wait that long.

Steve Miller, our Advertising Executive, recently left his Discovery standing at the office for over a month. In this time the battery ran flat and when I showed him the XS Power Pack he just laughed and said, "it would never start his big Discovery". I carefully followed the instructions and it started first time. Apparently it can jump start a vehicle 40 times if the battery is fully charged. I can just see car dealers with slow stock just snapping up this product.

When out camping recently, the XS Power Pack was one of the most used items in our tent. It charged phones, Kindles and iPads no problem. When you have an almost two-year old son that always watches Into the Night Garden before he goes to bed then you have better make sure that the device he uses has sufficient power.

Then when I went for a drive in my Discovery I would just recharge the battery via the cigarette lighter power point. Yes the campsite did have power points, but I like to be self-sufficient and once you start wild camping in places like Morocco, there are no supplied power points and then something like the XS Power Pack truly comes into its own. How did we travel and camp before it?

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