

### Lezyne | Mini Drive 400XL / KTV Drive+

£60, [upgradebikes.co.uk](http://upgradebikes.co.uk)

The Mini Drive 400XL front light is compact, sturdy and has a sleek metal body. It feels built to last. The mount offers infinite rotation, making it ideal for busy bars and unconventional mounting positions. Operation is easy, with a button that stands proud and doubles up as a battery-level indicator. For me, eight different modes was overkill.

The rear light has an excellent 270° beam. Day Flash mode offers up to 20 hours of runtime, enough for most commuters. Mounting stability isn't the best; a deep groove in the rubberised rear means the light tends to slide off centre. It's well-suited to aero seatposts.

Both front and rear charge via integrated USB, conveniently doing away with cables. Charging via a laptop might be awkward.

🌱 **Good visibility and durability, and an impressive IPX7 rating.**

The only negative is the rear mounting interface



### Trace + TraceR Mk3 ReAKT + Peloton Pack

£110, [exposurelights.com](http://exposurelights.com)

These lights are tiny but effective. Both the flash and steady modes get you seen; the rear really stood out in the group, and side visibility is excellent. The front is definitely a be-seen light.

I found switching between settings took a bit of getting used to, but worth it for the longer runtimes that can be achieved. They can run for up to 24 hours in the lowest setting and only take three hours to recharge. I loved the etchings on the lights themselves, which give runtimes and basic operations.

While these are tiny, they are robust and have an IP67 rating. The hardened plastic clip mount is very secure. They will only attach to round posts and bars unless you buy one of the alternative mounts.

🌱 **High price reflects the quality and functionality of these lights.**

The rear light is head and shoulders above the others here

### Pinnacle | USB Multifunction Light Set

£39.99, [evanscycles.com](http://evanscycles.com)

These lights are the cheapest set here, being reduced to just £19.99 at the time of writing. The 300-lumen front light offers three steady modes and two flashing modes, with the lowest steady mode lasting 11 hours and flashing modes five. The Day Flash mode works particularly well. It has good lateral illumination and an intuitive operation. I found the plastic casing prone to dents and scratches.

The 5-lumen rear has just one mode – steady – lasting five hours, and it's not very bright. It was also the only one on test without a low battery indicator. The on/off button is easily activated accidentally.

Both mounts incorporate a ratchet rotation, which is useful at the rear for angled seatposts.

🌱 **The front light will get you seen and allow you to see hazards.**

The rear light feels like a token addition

