

Inexpensive for a Diamond-rated lock but it won't stand up to an angle grinder

Other options



ONGUARD PITBULL £49.99

OnGuard's Diamond-rated lock has the same shackle thickness and price, plus a 'Mini' option for £44.99. extrauk.co.uk



LITELOK X1 £149.99

Litelok's X1 is three times the price and 50% heavier, but it took 2 minutes 38 seconds to grind through the untwistable shackle in our D-Lock group test. litolok.com



MASTERLOCK

8279EURDPRO

£49.99, windwave.co.uk

Masterlock's oddly named 8279EURDPRO is well priced for a Sold Secure Diamond lock. But what does that mean in terms of street security and day-to-day usability?

It's a comparatively light lock, at 1.16kg without its bracket. External dimensions of 26x16.5cm (the widest part of the foot) give an internal space of 21x10cm. This would have made it the second roomiest lock in our D-Lock group test (cyclinguk.org/guys-lock-test), so it's easy to find chunky objects to lock it round. If you don't need that much volume, Masterlock's 8278EURDPRO Mini U-Lock is the same lock in a 16x8cm size for £42.99.

The 14mm hardened-steel shackle is vinyl coated to protect paintwork, but the plastic on the foot is harder. Be careful you mount the two-piece frame clamp to give plenty of clearance, as the quick-release lock clamping lets the lock wobble enough to woodpecker your bike if you don't leave a decent gap. The lock itself also rattles noisily on rough roads, so bagging your Masterlock is definitely the quieter option.

The lock comes with four spare keys. Its pick-resistant, disc-keyed,

double-locking mechanism is hidden behind a sliding red cover to aid weatherproofing. The lock is straightforward to use, with an easy key turn. It also comes with a limited lifetime warranty against manufacturing faults.

In terms of security, it's Diamond rated by Sold Secure, 'Secured by Design Police approved' and Klasse A+ rated by the German VdS testing company. Masterlock says the lock resists cutting, sawing and prying, and has a two-ton pull rating against car-jack attacks.

However, when I attacked it with a battery-operated angle grinder, I cut through the shackle in just 26 seconds. Once one side is cut you can twist the shackle completely open by hand, so there's no need to cut the second side. ●

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Verdict

Masterlock's 8279EURDPRO is well priced for an officially top-rated lock. It's also relatively light. While it's not going to cause an angle grinder much stress, that's not unexpected at this price.



+ AFFORDABLE FOR A DIAMOND RATING
 + LARGE SHACKLE
 - VULNERABLE TO GRINDERS