

MINI GROUP TEST

# BIKE CLEANERS

Keep your bike looking clean and shiny with our pick of the best products

The truth is all these cleaners work similarly. We found it best to wet the bike, adjust the nozzle of the trigger units for a direct jet and liberally spray the bike with cleaner, let it soak in for no more than two minutes before agitating with a soft bike

brush. This breaks down and dissolves the dirt, lifting it from the frame surface.

All the cleaners here are biodegradable alkaline-based solutions, with no acids or petrochemicals, so it's okay for them to be washed into your

drains without damaging the environment. The Green Oil one is worth a mention for its use of fruit-based extracts; it works as well as the others, so if green is your thing, maybe that's for you.

None of the cleaners here (and most of the similar types which

aren't) recommend that you don't spray onto surfaces and then leave in direct sunlight for more than the stated two minutes (30 seconds for the Fenwick's FS-1). Even though they're not acidic substances, they could blemish polished or painted surfaces.



**Weldtite Dirtwash**  
£6 (1 litre)

★★★★★

The Weldtite offering works well and was noted for being especially effective at moving oil from gungy drivetrains, possibly a point worth noting if you're a lover of thick 'wet' chain lubes. [www.weldtite.co.uk](http://www.weldtite.co.uk)

**Fenwick's FS1**  
£10 (1 litre)

★★★★

Fenwick's recommends diluting its cherry red-coloured cleaner concentrate one part cleaner into 10 parts water and not to leave on the bike for more than 30 seconds. [www.zyro.co.uk](http://www.zyro.co.uk)

**Green Oil Green Clean**  
£8 (1 litre)

★★★★

The fluid is biodegradable and the bottle is recyclable - it's the same stuff milk cartons are made of, so you're doing your bit. There's no loss in action either as this stuff cleans the crap effectively too. [www.green-oil.net](http://www.green-oil.net)



**Hope Sh1t Shifter**  
£6 (1 litre)

★★★★★

The Lancashire-based brake maker also makes the Sh1t Shifter cleaner. The Hope technology chaps worked hard to create a cleaner that moves the crud without damaging any of the delicate componentry on your bike. [www.hopetech.com](http://www.hopetech.com)



**Muc-Off** £7.50 (1 litre)

★★★★★

Probably the best known of all the brightly coloured cleaners on the market, the pink fluid led the way in the spray-on-agitate-with-brush-wash-off style cleaning. The fluid continues to work effectively against mud, grease and sun-baked cow pat - the hardest substance on earth to shift. [www.muc-off.com](http://www.muc-off.com)



**Pedros Green Fizz** £7 (1 litre)

★★★★★

A bit more foamy than the rest, but we quite like it that way, as it feels like you're getting things clean. A switchable nozzle from spray to stream means you only use the right amount in the right places. [www.chainreactioncycles.com](http://www.chainreactioncycles.com)