

Tollrider

Get a bag



The subject of underpants once arose (if you'll pardon the expression) on *Seinfeld*, but when the possibility of going without was mooted, Kramer demurred.

"My boys need a little house," he said emphatically.

Does your electronic toll tag need a little house as well? Let's leave aside the question of whether bikes should be paying tolls for the moment. Seeing that it's becoming less and less practical to get around in many places in Australia without a toll tag is there any point in buying a container for it?

Australian inventor Michael Egan and John Sample Automotive think so.

"The Australian-designed Tollrider magnetic system is a new, safe way to mount any electronic toll tag to your motorcycle, allowing you to use any toll road within Australia and throughout the world," says JSA's Mark Cooper.

"The Tollrider magnetic system uses a patented magnetic lock system to attach the Tollrider to any motorcycle. Easy to attach and easy to remove, the Tollrider is a purpose-made pouch that allows electronic toll tags to be inserted and then mounted safely to a motorcycle

using rated materials and magnetic locking system."

Well, a magnet, anyway.

"For motorcycles with metal petrol tanks, the Tollrider pouch simply latches straight onto the tank," says Cooper. "For motorcycles that do not have metal tanks, a handle bar clamp is included with the Tollrider. It's made from the latest in lightweight weatherproof materials while incorporating style along with aerodynamics.

"I think the safety factor of the Tollrider concept was the most important part of this project for me. After watching a number of learner and provisional riders fishing around in their jacket pockets for an e-tag while riding up to and entering a toll plaza in peak traffic conditions, it became obvious this is an essential product. One-handed novice riders in peak traffic conditions holding an e-tag in the air while riding is just an accident waiting to happen. Thankfully, this product will take away that risk."

The Tollrider comes in three sizes for different tags and has been accepted by both the RTA and Interlink Roads.

I've used a Tollrider for a few weeks and it certainly does everything it's

claimed to do. The magnet was strong enough to hold it on a single steel screw on the top of an aluminium brake fluid container on a scooter that offered only plastic bodywork otherwise. I wouldn't rely on that, but it did work.

The pouch is well designed and well made, with some nice touches such as a strap to stop the zipper tag from flapping and a reflective front plate for visibility and to divert bug splatter and stones. I am definitely more comfortable with the toll tag on the bike's tank than in my pocket where it would probably break a rib if I fell off.

I'm not kidding; a mobile phone did exactly that to an acquaintance of mine and another one bruised me badly when I fell off once.

Apart from the fact that we shouldn't have to pay tolls anyway, the price of the Tollrider is my only concern. It will come in just under \$40, which seems a lot for a small bag made of neoprene and fabric, no matter how well designed and made it is. Having said that, I would grumble but I'd still buy one.

See www.tollrider.com for more information and details on where to find the Tollrider. **PT**