

Bags2Cover insulated water jacket | £30.99

For year-round caravanners

If your caravan doesn't have an inboard water tank, keeping your water supply frost-free can be a challenge, which is why we were keen to test an insulating bag that covers your water container.

It's made of robust fabric that gave us the impression it would last for many years. Between two layers of the fabric is an insulating material.

The jacket comes in three sections. The cover fits over the top of your water container, leaving an aperture for the intake pipe. A separate circle of the same insulated fabric lies under the water container. A third section wraps around the water intake pipe that you connect to the side of your caravan and Velcro holds it firmly in position around the pipe.

The cover is suitable for both 40-litre Aquarolls and 50-litre Pyramid Water Hogs; we found that the jacket fits snugly on both.

We'd had this product on loan from Bags2Cover for several weeks before temperatures sank low enough to enable us to give it a true test. So, two caravans, two water containers, one Bags2Cover water jacket and a night ahead of us to find out how efficient the water jacket would be...

With -5°C forecast for the night, we filled the 40-litre Aquaroll connected to our long-term-test Bailey Olympus 540-5. The Pyramid Waterhog attached to our on-test Bailey Unicorn Barcelona (sited alongside) was also filled to the brim.

The Bags2Cover insulating jacket was on the Barcelona's Waterhog.



At 6am we turned on the Barcelona's shower – and enjoyed a water supply uninterrupted by frost.

We then braved the icy temperature to walk over to the Olympus and turn on the shower. Result: No water supply. The water in the pipe between the caravan inlet and the Aquaroll had frozen and there was a layer of ice on the top of the water in the Aquaroll.

Then we went to the car, to check the exact temperature, which was not the -5° that had been forecast, but -8°. The insulating jacket, we decided, had proved its worth!

The jacket is also available with an aperture on the side, to enable it to be used with a mains water inlet; that version costs £34.99. **VC**

WHAT WE LIKE

- ▶ Its efficiency in -8°!
- ▶ Easy to fit to your water container

WHAT WE DON'T LIKE

- ▶ No negatives

OUR VERDICT

A fabulously practical accessory; we'd say it's essential equipment for winter caravanning if your caravan doesn't have an interior water tank.

COMPETITION

Five Bag2Cover insulated water jackets to be won

Each is worth £30.99

For your chance to win one of five of the insulated water jackets like the one we've reviewed on this page, go to *Caravan Buyer's* website, **outandaboutlive.co.uk** and click on the link to competitions.

You'll be asked to answer a question – the answer is contained within the review text on this page.

The five winners will be the senders of the first five correct answers to be pulled out at random after the closing date, which is 30 April, 2012.

We'll send the names of the winners to Bags2Cover, who will then contact them to ask which of the four colour choices they'd prefer. The choices are: dark green; silver grey; burgundy or blue.

The prizes will be sent out direct from Bags2Cover.

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