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Osprey Raptor 10 Pack: Final Thoughts: by Guitar Ted

Recently Grannygear and I were able to check out the Osprey line of hydration packs. (You can check that post out [here](#).) In this post I wanted to give an extended view of my experiences with the Osprey Raptor 10 pack.

I've used the Raptor 10 exclusively since the pack came in back in early May. I have used it for training rides, mountain bike rides, gravel road excursions, and most recently I have used it on two fully self supported rides.

Hydration Bladder Insertion/Removal: Just as Osprey advertises, and just as we have reported, this bladder system, The HydraForm and HydraLock, are seamless, easy to use, and works in the field under rider stress, when you really need it to. I was thoroughly impressed with the way I could simply slip the hydration bladder right back into a pack about ready to split at the seams due to my zealous over stuffing of it! **Pack Construction:** Which leads me to the way the pack held up to my abuses. I was not having issues with zippers or the seams in the fabric at all when I did have, admittedly, too much stuff in there! **Wearability/Comfort:** This is another fairly high point of the pack for me. During a couple of my rides, both coinciding with my self supported outings, as a matter of fact, it was brutally hot and humid. The worst sort of conditions, perhaps, for wearing something on your upper body just when you want breathability the most. I will not say that the Raptor 10 was invisible, but it bothered me far, far less than I would have expected it to, or would have guessed it to.

Conclusions: I would buy this pack. It has a hydration bladder and system to hold it that is second to none, as far as I've experienced. The storage compartments and the hip "wing pockets" do need some tweaking, but as for the functionality of the pack as it is, I can live with these shortcomings. The basic premise of hydration is executed here flawlessly, which is the most important part. If Osprey can change a few things that we mentioned in our initial review, this pack will become the premier hydration pack system on the market. As it stands, it is definitely something that should be on your short list of packs to consider.

