



Pros & cons

- + Non-dazzle options
- + Good brackets
- + Inexpensive

Halfords

Advanced 1800 Lumen Front Bike Light

Powerful budget light that stays put on your handlebar

£60 halfords.com

Halfords' most powerful own-brand light is designed to be used on road and off. To that end it has two high-power LEDs with different lenses. The right-hand one has a wider, flatter beam to prevent dazzling drivers, while the left has a torch-like beam with a strong central spot to show the way off road.

The three lowest settings – Eco (28 lumens), Low (270) and Medium (500) – use only the right-hand LED and lens. High (1,170) and Max (1,800) use both lenses, as do the three flashing settings. While you could run the light in High or Max on an unlit road, then switch to a

lower setting on seeing another road user approaching, this is complicated by the lighting mode sequence: it's a loop that goes one way. So to get to Low from High, you have to go through Max, the three flashing settings and Eco. You can't just shut off the brighter lens, as you can with the Ravemen (below).

But that's this light's only real weakness. It's still effective on road and, more especially, off. It's easy to swap between bikes as multiple brackets are supplied. These all use a Garmin-compatible quarter-turn mount and comprise: a rubber strap mount (only useful on road); a bolt-on out-front mount;

Verdict

A versatile and well-made front light that belies its £60 price tag. Its strongest features are its punchy off-road performance, the selection of sturdy brackets supplied and the swappable batteries that you can also use as a powerbank for your phone.

a Go-Pro-style mount for fitting the light upside down to an out-front mount; and a bolt-on strap mount (pictured). Attachment brackets are usually the bane of budget lights. Not here.

The light itself is also well made. The body is CNC-machined aluminium and is waterproof to IPX5. A rubber cover hides the USB-C port used for charging. This port can also be used as an outlet, with the light's batteries acting as a powerbank for your phone.

The batteries are separate – a couple of 3,200mAh li-ions that are easily accessible. This has a couple of advantages over an integral battery: you don't have to bin the light when the batteries die for good; and you can carry spare batteries and switch them on a longer ride. (A pair of Halfords Adv 1800Lm Spare Batteries costs £15.)

The light weighs 256g with batteries installed. Run times for the more useful settings are: Low, 6hr 30min; Medium, 4hr; High, 2hr; Max, 1hr 30min. ●

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Other options

RAVEMEN PR1600
£139.99

Dual-beam 1,600-lumen light with a better 'dipped' option for roads and a remote switch. Review online: cyclinguk.org/cycle-magazine/review-ravemen-pr1600.

ravemen.com



LEZYNE MACRO DRIVE 1400+
£100

Runs for an impressive three hours in 1,400-lumen max setting or 25 hours at 200 lumens. Rubber strap mounting. GoPro mount option and charging cable cost extra.

lezyne.com

