

QUICK COMPARISON >>> COOLBAGS FOR DEADBAITS tested by DUNCAN CHARMAN

**Angler's Mail
BEST BUY**

COTSWOLD AQUARIUS DLX £15.99

Measuring 14.5 x 10.5 x 3.3 cm, this simple but effective coolbag will appeal to many a pike angler and has a capacity to carry more than enough deadbaits plus an ice pack. The satchel-style single compartment has a flap that is secured with two Velcro pads and incorporates a single quality zip to the slightly padded, fully insulated and lined compartment, which unfortunately isn't the easiest to clean. (Also available The Aquarius Delux Cool Bag at £34.99)



Features ★★★★★☆
Performance ★★★★★☆
Value ★★★★★★
SCORE: 26/30

GARDNER XL BAIT BUCKET £24.99

Unique collapsible bucket with a diameter of 32 cm and a height of 32 cm incorporating high quality zips on the lid for easy access to a slightly oversized inner compartment for the general pike angler. Fully insulated inner including thick foam base that secures the Ice-Gel freezer Block that's included, plus there's an additional pocket inside the lid for an additional ice block. Removable easy-clean and fully washable lining eliminates bait contamination to the fully waterproof polyester material. Comfortable foam tubular carrying handles and heavy-duty waterproof base.



Features ★★★★★★
Performance ★★★★★★
Value ★★★★★★
SCORE: 27/30

NASH COMPACT £25.99

Measuring 40 x 25 x 20 cm, this compact coolbag is ideal for the piker. The three-sided zipped lid offers easy access to a good sized main compartment, and there's an outer zipped pocket ideal for oils and flavours. There's a fully insulated easy wipe-clean inner, heavy-duty made-to-last zips throughout, tough durable material, a hard wearing water-resistant base, neoprene carrying handles and a luxury neoprene shoulder strap (non-detachable).



Features ★★★★★☆
Performance ★★★★★★
Value ★★★★★★
SCORE: 26/30

30PLUS IQ BOILIE/BAIT FRESH £13.99

Measuring 35 x 33 x 2 cm, this simple but effective coolbag will appeal to many a pike angler and has the capacity to carry more than enough deadbaits and an ice pack, which can be placed within one of the two loose internal pockets. The satchel-style single compartment has a flap secured by Velcro strip and incorporates a single quality zip to the fully insulated and plastic-covered compartment, which is easy to wipe down. A little bit bigger and it would have scored an extra mark.



Features ★★★★★☆
Performance ★★★★★★
Value ★★★★★★
SCORE: 28/30

TRAKKER NXG CHILLA £29.99

Another compact coolbag that measures 37 x 25 x 24 cm. It's well suited to carrying a selection of deadbaits. The three-sided zipped lid offers easy access to a good sized main compartment and three outer pockets – two mesh style and one zipped – are ideal for oils and flavours. Fully insulated, it has a removable easy-clean PVC inner. There are quality zips throughout, the material is tough and durable, but there's no hard wearing base. Comes with neoprene carrying handles and a removable padded shoulder strap.



Features ★★★★★★
Performance ★★★★★★
Value ★★★★★★
SCORE: 27/30

GREYS PROWLA £29.99

Measuring 34 x 33 x 20 cm, this compact, specially designed pike deadbait coolbag is difficult to fault. It has a decent zipped main compartment with an outer zipped pocket for oils and flavours. It also comes with a moulded plastic inner container with a Greys Klip-Lok sealable lid for your deadbaits, which is easy to wash and replace. The Prowla also comes with a cool-style lined inner, quality zips throughout, stylish cosmetics and a water resistant fabric base with rubber feet to prevent water absorption. There's a carry handle and shoulder strap, too.



Features ★★★★★★
Performance ★★★★★★
Value ★★★★★★
SCORE: 30/30

ALSO TESTED: ESP SMALL – 26/30; PEG ONE – 25/30; DAIWA – 25/30; FOX ROYALE – 24/30.