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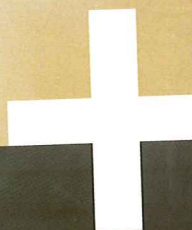
MTB multi-day epic

UNDER THE TREE

Our Xmas wishlist

SERVED COLD

Antarctic plunge



Princeton Tec



Not everything is black and white. Sometimes, there's a bit of red.

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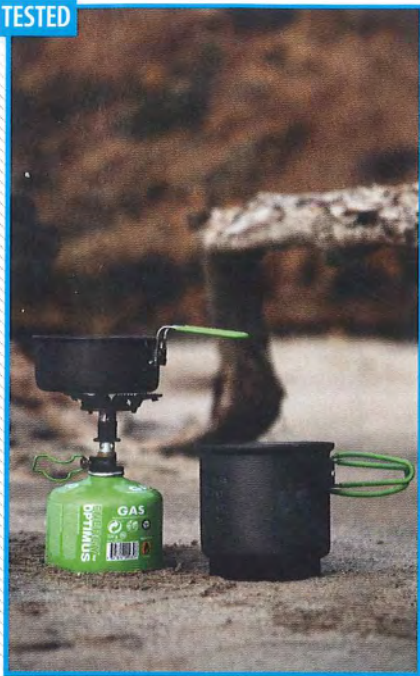
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TESTED



OPTIMUS CRUX WEEKEND HE COOK SYSTEM (GAS CANISTER)

Boil/500ml*: 2min 21sec

Claimed: approx. 3min/1L

Weight: 275g

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This is a belter when paired with the HE Cook Set. A finely tuned flame hits the heat exchange on the bottom of the cooking pot and amps up the speed to boil (a 20 per cent increase in efficiency says the manufacturer). One of the quickest (along with MSR's Pocket-Rocket and Reactor) to reach bubble time. Stability is the key and only concern with this unit. Otherwise its design cues are all nifty: the fold-away handles; the solo pan that doubles as a lid to the main pot; the fact it all packs (canister included) into a single unit; the mesh storage bag that keeps and a neoprene sleeve to cover the burner head (which stashes nicely in the cavity under the gas cartridge). It's small, so the solo-trekker rule applies (unless you're a patient bush chef willing to churn meals out over and over).

TESTED



OPTIMUS NOVA PAIRED WITH OPTIMUS TERRA HE COOK SET (MULTI-FUEL)

Boil (500ml)*: 3min 10sec

Claimed: 3min30sec/1L

Weight: 460g

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Like MSR's Whisperlite, this is a trouser of a stove that soldiers on and on in the harshest conditions. It was a tad fiddlier to light and harder to relight if you happen to extinguish it while priming. In the maintenance department it is more user friendly than the labour-intensive Whisperlite. A built-in magnetic cleaning needle ensures reliability and the single jet multi-fuel technology (Optimus Arctic Fuel, white gas, kerosene, diesel and jet fuel) provides versatility without having to dismantle the unit to change jets. The collapsible turbine-shaped pot support and folding flame control handle means the unit is compact, packed up, yet has a wide footprint when in use, giving excellent stability. There was a product recall on the fuel bottles, but it was a while back, so all models on the market should be okay.



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