

**REVIEW:** *The HydraQuiver*

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**FIRST IMPRESSIONS**

When I first got this pack I had visions of myself passed out on the track, dehydrated with swollen arms desperately trying to reach around my back to get the water bottle sitting there. Fortunately that was not the case. Whilst the bottle is awkward to reach at first, by the end of my 10km trail run it had become much easier to access and then put it back again, and there was never any fear that I'd missed when I blindly dropped it back in its pocket because I could hear it happily sloshing away back there and could feel my ponytail hitting it repeatedly.

The HydraQuiver's positioning on the upper back is a little different and takes some getting used to; especially with the straps pulling tightly under the armpits it can feel a little awkward. It is certainly better than carrying a water bottle and being a pack, rather than a belt, there's extra storage in the form of a good size pocket, which is large enough for a phone, keys and a small first aid kit plus gel pouches on each of the shoulder straps.

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**WHO WOULD IT SUIT**

The HydraQuiver is best suited to shorter runs where you need to carry some water and a few items in a pack, but anything over 2 hours I would want to be carrying more water. I have found it really useful when I'm doing my hill repeat sessions because I have a 2.5km run out to the hill and wearing the HydraQuiver, I can drop the bag off at the bottom of the hill and have access to a good size, easy to use water bottle throughout the session then run back to the car with the pack.

Overall the HydraQuiver is a different style of pack, which has some great uses and suits short distance runs or training sessions where you want access to a good quality water bottle. Whilst I don't see it replacing the more traditional hydration packs or bottle belts for longer runs it is certainly a welcome alternative to having to carry a water bottle.

If you are interested to see the HydraQuiver in action there is a good video on the Orange Mud website which demonstrates how best to adjust the HydraQuiver to best fit you and includes some instructions on what to do with the extra straps that are dangling down once you pull it tight.



**OUR RATING:**

**FOR COMFORT**



**FOR PRICE**



**FOR LOOK**



**FOR USEFULNESS**



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