

MotoPumps Portable Compressors

Adding air on the go

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PRE-RIDE CHECKS WE should do before throwing a leg over our motorcycles is the tire air pressure. I mean, the only thing between you and the road are your tires. Yet if you need to add air, it can be a real hassle to drag the air compressor out of the garage or find a gas station with one that you don't need to pay for. That's why I love using a small portable air compressor like MotoPumps' Mini Pro.

Measuring just 6" x 4-3/4" x 2", the Mini Pro is small enough to find a permanent place in a saddlebag without taking up too much room. The Deluxe kit comes with a handy neoprene case with two zippered compartments. I installed the included power cord to the bike's battery terminals, which provide an SAE connection to the unit's 80" SAE power cord. Other included connection cords include an alligator clip-style cord and a 12-volt cigarette or BMW-style outlet cord.

The Mini Pro's 3' coiled air hose combined with the power cord gives you about 9-1/2' from the power connector to the valve stem. This is a generous amount

of reach for filling your buddies' bikes without having to unplug the Mini Pro from your bike.

When you plug the Mini Pro into a power source, a handy LED worklight shines from the side of the unit where the air hose is stored. This is an incredibly simple, yet useful, feature that makes this dirty job a lot easier. The backlit pressure gauge glows blue, clearly illuminating the air pressure level. If you need to add some air, just press the power button on the unit and keep an eye on the pressure gauge.

The pump's brass zero-loss inflation valve stem connector screws onto the tire valve stem, so you can hook it up and stand back as the tire fills.



The Air Shot (above) and the Mini Pro come with a multitude of cords for connecting to a power source. I already have a battery charger lead connected to my Harley's battery that works with both compressors.



The Mini Pro has a place to house the 9-1/2' power cord internally. There are several other inflatable stems stored in back of the unit as well.



The Mini Pro compressor draws just 4.75 amps but inflates quickly at 50 psi, and its motor is internally fan-cooled. As a bonus, you can also use the Mini Pro to inflate other things like air mattresses, inflatable balls, and more using the included sport tips.

MotoPumps also sells a smaller, lighter, less expensive compressor, called the Air Shot. This kit comes with all the same connectors as the Mini Pro, but instead of the air gauge, you get a pencil-type air pressure gauge. And there's no LED worklight. But the whole kit packs into a 6" x 5" x 2-3/4" carrying case. This kit is perfect for those who don't have the storage room for the Mini Pro, but still want a way to fill up on the go.

Both MotoPumps are maintenance free and come with a limited five-year, no-BS warranty. **AIM**

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Mini Pro Deluxe, \$79.95
 Mini Pro Standard (without neoprene case), \$69.95
 Air Shot, \$59.95
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