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H.A.W.G. NV

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EDITORIAL REVIEW

On a recent trip to Alaska, I had to carry supplies for day-long rides that pushed deep into the backcountry and into high mountain passes. In such locales, the whether can turn in an instant and a mechanical could mean a 20-plus mile walk to the nearest trailhead. Such rides require a cavernous pack. The newest iteration of the H.A.W.G., CamelBak's largest pack, has plenty of space for spare tubes, tools, a pump, layers, and food—and plenty of zippered pockets to organize everything. Of course, no hydration pack is complete without a bladder, and this one comes with one 100-ounce bladder, but is so large it can fit a second if you're in the desert. The best thing about this pack is a carefully designed harness that makes even a heavy load tolerable, holding everything in place on your back. The NV back panel helps air to move across your back, but I still managed to work up quite a sweat while riding.

