

Grove Quick Release Seat Lock: Don't Lose Your Seat to an Ass

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Don't lose your seat to an ass! So goes the motto of the Quick Release Seat Lock from Grove Tools. As public safety cyclists, we are often called to ride in higher crime areas. We deal with individuals whom, at times, have a less-than-desirable moral standard. In an instant, we can be called to give aid or chase, abandoning our bikes out of view. This new product gives us one less thing to worry about when we're away from our bikes.

Brothers Rick and Rob Smith of Dubuque, Iowa, have been running a machine shop operation for 37 years. The brothers got the idea for the Quick Release Seat Lock while visiting their sister at college. All over campus were "seatless" bikes locked to bike racks. A friend and bike shop owner explained that bike seat theft is a major problem in big cities and college campuses. It also seems to be a fun prank to pull on your fellow unit bike members.

Your worries are over – the Quick Release Seat Lock is just a click away, at www.saveyourseatlock.com. When it arrives, you simply replace your current seat post quick release with the Quick Release Seat Lock. Just slide it on and turn the key – it's that easy! You can just as easily secure your helmet by sliding your helmet strap inside prior to locking.

If you've ever worried about becoming a victim, or worse, having your bike becoming a victim of saddle theft, the Quick Release Seat Lock is for you. Some of us put a lot of money into our saddles, and as public safety cyclists, we've probably all said "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" at one time or another. The Quick Release Seat Lock retails for \$29.95. However, IPMBA members can buy their ounce of prevention for \$20. Just contact Rick and Rob and tell them that I sent you.

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