

NightPro Slammer Police Light by Marwi

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When I was approached by Marwi U.S.A. to test their new Nightpro “Slammer” police package, I was more than happy to test something other than the good old NiteRider patrol light. As an avid fan of the NiteRider lighting systems holding the opinion they were the best option, I had used nothing else for personal or patrol use.

My eyes were opened immediately when “The Slammer” arrived. After ripping the product from its shipping box, I was very pleased to see “The Slammer” was encased in a very plush leather case and the light was very well organized inside. Every piece had its own cut out section and was wrapped in protective foam to protect from everyday tossing around. I was very impressed with the care Marwi put into taking care of their equipment.

Inside the case was an already charged battery, which made it easy to install the light on my bike and be ready to light up the night. The case came complete with a rapid charger and another impressive little gem – a car charger, which is something we pay a little extra for with other systems. The light itself is a 12W halogen light placed in the center. It is encased in CNC machined aluminum housing with one red LED light placed on left side and one blue LED light placed on the right side of the light. Both of the LED’s are encased with the same CNC machined aluminum housings as the halogen light. There are a total of nine LED lights in each one.

One of the nice features of the light system is all three lights can be adjusted without moving the entire reinforced resin mounting bracket. This cannot be done with other lights such as my Niterider. These lights adjust up and down with a great range of motion, which allows you to adjust your lights for optimal use. The light also comes with two different remote operations – one for the center halogen and one for the LED’s.

Mounting of the light was very quick and easy because of the quick release handlebar mount. It even came equipped with a number of rubber strips to make it easy to mount to any size handle bar. After mounting the light, I was all set to test “The Slammer” out on the streets. I was very impressed in how the light lit up the pavement ahead of me. The light pattern was spread out nicely, but not enough to reduce its effectiveness. It wasn’t long before I had my first call of the night and decided to test the red and blue LED’s. I was very impressed with the brightness the flashing red and blues, which was my mode of choice. They can also be used in a steady mode. According to the manufacturer, the run time on “The Slammer” is about four hours. I personally only had the opportunity to test the light for its longevity on a three hour off-road night ride. It stayed bright during the entire ride.

The battery and the light have heavy duty cords with a strong positive click connection. The battery has a unique shape design. It is water bottle shaped with one side flattened out. I liked this feature for two reasons. First, the battery could be laid down while charging and not roll off the charging table or be knocked over. Second, it made it easier to place and keep in the water bottle cage. During many of my rides with the light, I experienced the battery falling out of my cage. This was very impressive with the number of stairs I try to encompass on our college campus during a tour of duty.

The Nightpro “Slammer” police light was very impressive over its several month test phase. The light was durable and lived up to the manufacturer’s claims. It produced a clean bright light pattern for optimum visibility. The red and blue LED’s provided instant recognition for me as a police cyclist and gained the attention of many while I was using them. This system has proven to be more effective than my NiteRider patrol package, and I would recommend it to anyone seeking a new lighting system.

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