

## Map Boards Special Feature

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### Orifix – £60

This is the Rolls-Royce of the map boards, offering a range of heights, board sizes, and even colours.

The clamps fit oversize bars and also come with adaptors for standard bars. A range of heights is available from fairly short to super-high. I really liked the maximum height setting as it put the board right under my nose making keeping half an eye on it really easy. It does wipe out any view of the front wheel though that could be disconcerting. Different combinations of supports and extensions (£5 extra) gives four different heights.



The board comes in two options – square which comfortably takes an A4 sheet's width, and almost length, or a rectangular board. The board is very stiff and coupled with the height gives a really stable view of the map. The cover is held in place with four sturdy strips of Velcro which were certainly easier to attach than poppers in the heat of a start.

The option of thumbscrews (£2 extra) to use in place of the bolts in the clamps is a good idea and makes the board a lot easier to remove when needed. Not as simple as the Nordenmark or ARN, but it is a good option and makes removing the board a tool-less task.

[www.orifix.net](http://www.orifix.net)

### Novik Board

The design of this board is very similar to the Nordenmark classic, but without the quick-release function.

The clamps fit pretty any bar size with adaptors and the board is held at a reasonable height. One thing I really liked about this one was the angle of the board – rather than being perpendicular to the mounting it's angled up at the front at quite an angle. Combined with the hinge in the supports lets the board be placed at a good position. I found this improved the view of the map a lot, but does obscure more the view ahead than others of a similar height.

The board is reasonably rigid, again being very similar to the Nordenmark and using the same covering system, all of which works very well.