

ABUS Security Loop Cables offer security for your riding gear

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IF, LIKE ME, YOU HAVE A HEAD the size of a melon left on the vine well past maturity, you've no doubt discovered that your helmet doesn't fit inside any of the side or top cases that tout among their various benefits "Fits a full-face helmet!" It's at the point now where I just laugh at those claims, because my XXXL Schuberth S2 isn't going to fit in there—period.

I can cart my giant lid into the restaurant (or my kid's piano recital), or I can hook it over the rearview mirror and hope nobody dashes off with my helmet. Now, what to do with my jacket... well, since I didn't bother to put the side cases on, I guess I'm wearing that in...

ABUS to the rescue!

The CombiLoop 205 is one of the best combinations of size, packability, strength and value that I've seen in cable locks in a long time. Like any cable lock, a committed thief will be able to get through it, but it will keep marginally dishonest people looking for a crime of opportunity from walking away with your gear. The 205 is easy to use. The four-digit combination is a little fiddly to set, but once it's in there, you're all set, and the cable is plenty long enough for your helmet, jacket (through one or both arms) and maybe even your riding pants as well, depending on where you're running the cable. I use it primarily for my helmet, and put that on the back seat, running the cable through both rear grab handles to make sure the helmet doesn't slide off. The cool feature of the 205 is its "gripper" —when the lock is engaged, the cable can slide through the lock, but only in one direction: tighter. The silicone sheath around the

lock prevents scrapes and scratches on your motorcycle or helmet, and overall it's a fantastic security product.

The MultiLoop 210 is beefier and rather than a combination, requires a key to open. The lock itself has a nice silicone sheath as well, again protecting from scratches, and its steel braided cable is covered with PVC for the same reason. The coolest thing about this lock is you can use it in a single loop or, with a little adjusting, you can create two loops that secure all your gear. You just pop out the double-loop adapter (conveniently housed in the lock body) and double loop your way to happiness. Once locked, the cable won't move, so be sure to set it where you want it before turning the key.

In-between those two locks is the MultiCombiLoop 215. Its cable is thinner than the 210, but its lock is heftier, though still with the protective PVC and silicone coatings to protect your paint. The 215 is the most versatile of the three; its cable can come out of the swivel mechanism completely, allowing you to run it as one or two loops. It's pretty slick and doesn't take any time to get used to. In the real world, there's



not much difference between the 215's cable and the cable of the 210; either of them is going to be tough for a thief to get through. Even the thin cable of the 205 isn't going to be quickly defeated, and you're well served by any of these innovative and highly useful locks when it comes to securing your gear. These locks can also be used to secure bicycles, ladders, motorcycle ramps, and anything else that has holes in it for the cables to pass through. All three locks come in hi-viz yellow or black with an easy-to-follow instructional pamphlet, and the 210 comes with two keys. They're available at motorcycle and bicycle shops (I got my CombiLoop 205 at Bob's BMW) and any online outlet that sells ABUS products. ☺

Comparison Chart

	Cable length	Cable width	Weight	MSRP
CombiLoop 205	200 cm	5 mm	10 oz	\$29.99
MultiLoop 210	185 cm	10 mm	30 oz	\$49.99
MultiCombiLoop 215	215 cm	8 mm	30 oz	\$39.99