

## QUICK TEST

### THE POWER SIDEKICK

All-in-one devices often mean that the product is a compromise on all fronts, so we were skeptical when the Power Sidekick arrived in the office. The power Sidekick is basically a handheld electric motor with a rechargeable battery pack that accepts several different attachments, allowing to give your car a quick cleanup, from washing to buffing and waxing to vacuuming the interior, with just one gadget. Not a bad idea, especially for those who want to take better care of their cars but aren't likely to buy the tools separately. We tested the Power Sidekick on one of our many grimmy cars and it performed well. The complete Power Sidekick kit runs \$129.95. - CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL



> The rotating head on the brush did a great job of scrubbing the filth and bird bull's-eyes off of this especially dirty Mustang. However, the Power Sidekick won't clean tight spots because of its size, so a touchup wash pad will be necessary. If your car is muddy, we'd recommend spraying the wash brush off regularly. It was a cool day in SoCal, so it was nice to keep our hands dry as well.



> This was our favorite function. The random orbital head buffed the paint to a nice gloss, plus it was nice to not have a cord to drag around the car. The buffing attachment comes with terrycloth and wool polishing bonnets, and both are reusable after washing.



> In its vacuum form, the Power Sidekick is basically an over-grown Dust-Buster and performs on par with one. It won't replace a proper shop vac, but it will suck the loose dirt and grass off the carpet for a quick cleanup.

## SOURCE

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