

Air compressor



The Silverstone air compressor I bought is an Italian product. My experience with it is good so far. It is simple in handling, without any extras. Although it accompanies me on all tours, I didn't use it that much up to now (around 10 times). However, it worked perfectly whenever I needed it even if the inflation of the tires takes time (but this is common with such type of air compressor).



The device is connected to the 12V board battery. Consumption is around 40 amperes/h. As this is too much for a normal car socket, you must either attach the wiring directly to the battery or – as I have done – mount special high-power sockets (eg on the side of the driver seat). The advantage with this solution is that you can also use the sockets for other purposes.



As usual, the included cable is much too short to carry the compressor around the vehicle. I therefore mounted a longer wiring and protected my power connectors with a 60 amp fuse (sold for high power audio car amplifiers). Works perfectly. Be careful though to choose the correct cable diameter otherwise the compressor will not have its full power (apart from the fact that the wiring gets hot).



I have two sets of tubes with me. One for the quick and dirty case and one spiral coiled tube with manometer for exact inflation. Further, I always carry with me a blow-out gun. It can be very helpful in cleaning the air filter on long and dusty tours. The pressure in the spiral coiled tube is enough to provide short air blasts. Apart from saving costs and space for a spare filter, it is also light weighted.

I paid roughly 300 CHF and the compressor is available – among others – at TopGear.it

(<http://www.topgear.it/shop.php?act=show&sez=cat&val=40&title=compressori%20aria%2012v>).