



Hope Vision 4 LED £299

➔ **Light** 4 LED = 960 lumens **Weight** 458g **Run times** 2.3 – 35 hours
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Hope's Vision light might not be the brightest or smartest here, but we reckon its real-world performance for the price makes it the top choice in this test.

The four-LED spread gives enough light throw to let you know what happens next, plus masses of peripheral for dealing with what's happening now. Gap-free spread helps you see down drops or up the next sudden climb, and we never had to nudge the light around for different situations.

What really helps in typical UK dusk/dawn damp or 'fried eyes late at night' use is Hope's decision to use a warmer, yellower LED temperature colour. It means illumination isn't as stark as the other lights here, but there's less bleaching of the trail and less glare. This makes it easier to judge the fine detail that sometimes makes the difference between clean or crash.

The 'Max' output is inefficient in terms of power use, and the 'High' setting certainly didn't slow us down any, and it extends run time into the three-hour zone. The LEDs are regulated for constant output during use, too, and while there's no external low light, it automatically dims to get you home if the battery is drained. The 'Endurance' option adds a second battery for £360 if you're an epic specialist.

The new rubber-coated battery sits securely under stems or frame tubes with a single stretch strap, and it comes with a helmet mount and extension lead – but at 150g for the head unit you'll need a thick neck. The Vision 2 LED is lighter and more focused for lid use.

The lamp is handmade in Hope's Lancashire factory and the heavy-duty, heat-ribbed head sits on a secure but simple to use carbon-reinforced nylon quick-release clamp. The new leads are totally waterproof, which solved the only niggle with early samples, and handbuilt reliability is excellent.



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RACE	██████████
TRAIL	██████████
LIFE	██████████
VALUE	██████████

Great light for technical trail riding that won't let you down



OVERALL

AT A GLANCE

HIGHS All the subtly detailed light you need for confident technical riding. Excellent reliability and real-world performance for the price.

LOWS Not as powerful as the Lupine. No external low power indicator.

BUY IF... You want a great value, tough light for complete technical terrain confidence.