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Featuring: The Viper and Verve

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Osprey continues to offer more choices for cyclists in their expanding selection of hydration packs. New for 2011 are the Viper and Verve line. With four sizes each, from the 250 cubic inch '4' to the 800 cubic inch '13', the Verve is unique in that it is aimed at the lady riders among us. Both the Verve and the Vipers are priced a bit more modestly than the Raptor line of packs (like we reviewed here and here), but have a strong family resemblance.

The Cyclist received a pre-production Verve 7, the 400 cubic inch size with a 2 liter reservoir. Since it is a women specific pack, I gave it to a friend and fellow rider, Kendra, to see if the Verve 7 lived up to its goals. Note that some of the details on this pack, since it was an early sample, will change in the production packs (such as some colors and small details), but that will not affect the overall fit and feel of the pack.

The bottom line is that this is a great pack, fits well, is very comfortable and frankly, I hardly noticed it while I was riding, not to mention that it did a great job with organizing gear.

