



Style meets quality and real protection too

TWO MONTHS

Resurgence Gear New Wave Pekev Ultra Jeans £299

'These have been a game-changer!'

Tested by Justin Hayzelden for two months/1650 miles



Denim motorcycle jeans have to be discreet enough to pass as a regular pair of jeans, be all-day comfortable and offer a decent level of protection. In the past I've struggled to find any that meet all three – they've either had enormous knees due to bulky armour, lacked flexibility so that movement was restricted or not ticked enough boxes for safety. Which is why these New Wave jeans from Resurgence have proved such a game-changer. First up, thanks to a 'slim fit' cut, they look just like normal kit. And that doesn't come as a compromise to protection, because CE Level 1 D30 IP Ghost armour is included for both the hip and knee. It's only 5mm thick and so flexible that you'd barely know it was there, plus the adjustable pockets mean you can tailor its position for the best, and most effective, fit. Pekev Ultra fabric earns the Resurgence New Wave a CE AAA rating for abrasion resistance. That's certainly good to know, but it's in comfort where they ultimately excel – I rode 1100 miles in five days during the recent heatwave and they felt just as good at the end as when I set out.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.resurgencegear.net



Forcefield Tornado Advance 2 neck tube £22.99

'Next-level protection from chills'

Tested by Emma Franklin for six months/5000 miles



Made with clever Defender fabric, this is a windproof garment that really works. Forcefield's Tornado Advance 2 neck warmer really

is next-level in terms of providing noticeable protection against the external elements because there is absolutely no discernible air blast felt by the skin, even at high speeds.

The windproof material, which is used in the front part of the garment, also has the benefit of having a water resistance rating of 8000m – which is bordering on completely waterproof – and in practice means that it keeps your neck dry and warm, as rain simply bounces off the fabric. The outer fabric does get saturated after long exposure to heavy rain, but still does not allow moisture or chills to reach the skin beneath, plus it does seem to dry out fairly quickly once the rain stops, too.

Being shaped as more of a neck gaiter than a tube, the Forcefield Tornado also provides a bit of extra warmth and protection across the shoulders and top of the chest area, perfect as a bit of reassurance against leaky zips.

Likewise, at the other end, the neck tube has been designed to come up high and cover your nose and mouth, and as such there are ventilation holes to allow you to breathe comfortably. Wearing the neck tube in this way allows you to get a proper good seal around your helmet, which has the double benefit of boosting warmth whilst also reducing wind noise. Wearing it in this way over long distances, the fleecy Thermolite internal lining remains comfortable against the skin and doesn't seem to get wet from condensation from your breath.

However, I found that the elasticated top seam does leave a mark on my skin which lasts for an hour or so after I've taken the neck tube off although there is no associated discomfort. All in all, this is a proper technical neck tube that's now an essential long-distance riding bit of kit.

Plus, it's part of a range of windproof garments from Forcefield so you can team it up with an undershirt, leggings or gloves for full-body protection this winter.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.forcefieldbodyarmour.com



That's Gareth's navigation needs sorted

SIX MONTHS

Quad Lock Fork Stem Mount Pro £118.94

'Mighty fine mobile mount'

Tested by Gareth Evans for six months/3000 miles



I've been using Australian-designed Quad Lock modular kit for a few years, but this Fork Stem Mount has made it more useful than ever. My Yamaha R7 has so much to recommend it, but one thing it lacks is any sort of built-in navigation. With this kit, I can use my smartphone's Google Maps, with the phone hidden behind the fairing so it stays out of the wind and rain.

Installation couldn't be simpler, but only once you've sourced the correct open

top yoke nut – I got mine from Flitwick Motorcycles, who can sell you the whole lot in a package. The nut is fantastic quality, with the black matching the R7's frame and the Quad Lock mount perfectly. The whole setup looks OEM, if you ask me.

So, once you've got your top yoke nut torqued, insert the mount into the hole and fasten with an Allen key. This holds the mount in the stem, and then you can adjust the angle your phone sits at relative to your riding position using two other Allen bolts.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.flitwickmotorcyclesexpress.com



Spada Overmitts £10.99

'A silver bullet for soggy gloves'

Tested by Emma Franklin for two years / 2000 miles



Even the best waterproof gloves struggle on days where the rain is relentless, and when you add cold temperatures into the mix, saturated gloves can make for a miserable ride. It's on days like those where these over-mitts excel. They're just a pair of PU-coated nylon over-gloves featuring taped seams, an elasticated wrist, a drawstring cuff and reinforced palm designed as nothing more than an additional waterproof layer. OK, so they're as basic as you can get, but on those horrendous days they're nothing short of a godsend. Just pull them on over regular gloves (choose your normal size).

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.spadaclothing.co.uk

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