



Tucano Urbano Set Diluvio Pro waterproofs £139.99

'You get what you pay for...'

Tested by Michael Neeves for 18 months/2000 miles



Made from a stretchy, satin finish polyester outer with a breathable, waterproof inner membrane and sealed seams, these have a quality feel about them. They're slightly fitted, so don't flap excessively in the wind and mine are large and fit comfortably over medium-size jackets and trousers. They're also long enough to reach the end of a 34in inside leg. The retina-busting lumo yellow jacket also has reflective panels to help you be seen day or night and does up with a Velcro flap and a sturdy zip with a cord-mounted tab for easy use with thick gloves. It has a high Velcro-fastened neck section for warmth, elasticated cuffs and lots of straps and drawstrings to stop the rain getting in. There's a handy waterproof inside pocket and big outside pocket, too. You can buy much cheaper, more basic waterproofs that'll keep you dry, but you get what you pay for with the quality and performance here.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.tucanourbano.com



T-Ur WP-One suit £94.25

'It's a proper pack-a-mac'

Tested by Emma Franklin for 500 miles/three months



At nearly £100, this is at the upper end of the price scale for waterproof oversuits, but this jacket and trouser combo from Italian brand T-Ur definitely does the trick. Yes, it's totally waterproof, and the taped seams and double gusseted Velcro flap covering the central chest zip ensure no rain gets through. But the thing I like most about the WP-One which I've not experienced with other, cheaper, rainsuits is its breathability. Thanks to T-Ur's Hydroscud membrane, you don't get that build-up of moisture trapped between your regular riding kit and the inside of the rainsuit, which means that the jacket and trousers are quite easy to get off after a ride, despite the fact that they're unlined. The suit's other impressive factor is how lightweight it is and how small it packs down.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.t-ur.com



Richa Infinity 2 Pro Lady Jacket £299.99
Colorado 2 Pro Trousers £299.99

'This one shapes up nicely'

Tested by Alison Silcox for 12 months



Boasting a CE Level A rating, the jacket comes with shoulder, elbow and back protectors plus the option of fitting a chest protector. Better still, being made from a laminated Aquashell Pro 2 material, it's proved waterproof in the heaviest of downpours.

Both jacket and trousers are thermally lined which is nice, but the lining makes the trousers quite bulky and restrictive. On cooler but not cold days, I opt to remove the liner and wear thermals instead.

It's a bit of a mixed bag sizing wise and due to my height I've ended up with men's trousers. It's disappointing that manufacturers can't accommodate taller ladies. Women's trousers are tailored for female curves, so wearing blokes' stuff means they don't fit so well around the hip and bottom area. However, the jacket is tailored to fit my shape, has waist adjusters, ample arm length and fits well. Plus, pockets are plentiful and waterproof and there are vents for hot days.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.nevis.uk.com



Weise Vertex jacket £219.99

'Warm and comfy'

Tested by Dan Sutherland for three months/2000 miles



This AA CE rated jacket has been a great accompaniment from the start of the autumn chill to those first rides with the temperature in single digits. It's one of the few jackets I've worn that fits my proportions spot on and the cut isn't too long, so I can wear it with riding jeans too. Unfortunately, it's not been completely waterproof, with heavy prolonged downpours allowing some precipitation into the sleeves. Granted, I was riding a sportsbike at the time, so rain running down my arms and between my gloves may well have been a factor. The popper on the adjustable collar came off during my first use, too.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.thekeycollection.co.uk



Zerofit Neckwarmer £25

Tested by Richard Newland for 500 miles/one month



I've lost count of how many 'fleecy' neck tubes I've had before – but I'm certain none were as effective at banishing the cold as this Zerofit Heatrub Neckwarmer. The barrier it creates between your neck and the elements is superb, providing a seemingly impenetrable defence from icy winds, while also managing to actively make you feel warmer. It's relatively thick, but no thicker than other fleece-based tubes I've used, and is pliable enough to tuck into other layers, and inside the rim of your lid without you really noticing it's there. From the moment it's on, your neck starts to feel warmer thanks to their clever 'Heatrub' material. It's my new favourite winter go-to accessory.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.zerofit.co.uk

