



A perfect blend of comfort, value and protection

**Falco Mixto 3 Adv**  
**£244.99**

**'They laugh at hideous weather'**

Tested by Mike Armitage for four months/1000 miles



Most of us are unlikely to take our large adventure bikes off-road so there's no point suffering clumpy, restrictive, fatty motocross-style footwear just to look the part.

Instead, get these Falco boots. The oil-treated brown leather upper and buckle closing make the boots simple to slide on and they are wondrously comfortable and easy to adjust. Despite CE level 2 protection they don't make you feel like your ankles are in plaster. Not the cheapest, but the High-Tex membrane laughs at hideous weather, the Vibram soles are what you get on high-end walking boots, and overall quality feels spot-on. Yup, smashing treads.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

[www.bikerheadz.co.uk](http://www.bikerheadz.co.uk)

1000 MILES

**PROS & CONS**

- + Comfort, weather protection, quality
- Not as protective as motocross boots



5000 MILES

**Rukka Apollo gloves £219.99**

**'Still good after eight years'**

Tested by Simon Brown for eight years/5000 miles

Reassuringly expensive, these are the gloves I keep returning to for spring-to-autumn riding. The cuff is short, so they won't offer the ultimate protection but there is hard armour at the knuckles and a carbon puck on the heel of the hand. Meanwhile, reflective panels on the fingers help you show up that bit better under car headlights and there is an effective visor wipe on the

left hand. Best of all is the Gore-Tex waterproofing which is still working a few years down the line. Comfort and feel are spot on. I recently had a problem with the lining pulling out of one of the fingers on a very warm day when I'd had to push my broken-down Ducati off the A14 but I was able to tease it back in with a wooden spoon. The Apollos aren't in the current line-up but are widely available online.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

[www.rukkamotorsport.com](http://www.rukkamotorsport.com)



**Oxford Protex Stretch bike cover £44.99**

**'Lycra for your bike'**

Tested by Richard Newland for six months



There's something vaguely disconcerting about this cover from Oxford. It's so figure-huggingly revealing that your average yoga-pant-wearing Insta-influencer wouldn't even dare drape themselves in it. But if you've got the curves, hey, why not? The four-way stretch material is seamless, ultra-soft, and extremely clingy. Claimed to protect against sunlight it's also an effective barrier against dust, is breathable, comes in four sizes and three colours, and has a underbelly retaining strap. It's for indoor use only, and has no thermal properties, so only pop it over a cold motorcycle.

SIX MONTHS

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

[www.oxfordproducts.com](http://www.oxfordproducts.com)

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**R5K READERS'**

**TOP FIVE SPORTS TYRES**



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**Bridgestone Battlax S22**

**£117/£147\***

I rode to Slovenia and back on these and then did a trackday at Cadwell. They still were good for 1:42s or less. Incredible tyre. Joe Sheehan, Southend

**Pirelli Diablo Rosso III**

**£113/£150\***

I love their grip. Brilliant in the rain, and epic in the sunshine. Daniel Tetley, Lancashire

2



**Metzeler Sportec M9RR**

**£107/£146\***

After 5000 miles the rear was done, but they didn't put a foot wrong the whole time. Marc Edgson, Reading

3



**Michelin Power RS**

**£109/£148\***

I use these on my Ducati 848. The wet performance really impresses. Tim Heywood, Duns

4



**Bridgestone Battlax RS11**

**£131/£170\***

Not just confidence inspiring, they're awe inspiring! Amazing in the wet. Andrew Cutler, NZ

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\*PRICES TAKEN FROM ONLINE TYRE DEALER, BASED ON 120/70X17 (FRONT) AND 190/55 X17 (REAR)