

Sporty but they can go the distance too

Pirelli Diablo Rosso IV Corsa
£448.56*

'Top rubber for the summertime'

Tested by Dan Sutherland for 3000 miles / across three motorcycle genres



I've been fortunate enough to test most of the mainstream rubber in this sporty road segment of the market and these are up there with the best of them – offering exceptional levels of confidence-inspiring stability in the dry and an impressive level of longevity.

Much of my ride to the office is in long, boring straight lines across Lincolnshire Fenland and they are only just beginning to lose their rounded profile, with plenty of meat left on both front and rear.

They are also impressive on track, with the fat 200-section rear helping to keep the 1290 KTM calm and composed under acceleration, with plenty of feel mid-corner, too.

Despite being designed for more spirited antics, there's a decent level of grip in the wet, too. Given the lack of tread lines, I wouldn't want to push them too hard though, with the feel dropping away noticeably at the front-end.

Being a new design, they're also quite pricey, but you're paying for a quality product that will improve your warm weather riding experience.

Value ★★★★★ Quality ★★★★★
www.pirelli.com

3000 MILES



Detlev Louis DL-JM-8 denim jacket £214

'Fresh from Germany'

Tested by Simon Brown for two months / 800 miles



Stylish and comfy retro kit from German brand Detlev Louis. You may not have seen much of their kit on sale here, but the name has been

around on the continent for decades. It's billed as denim, denim-style would be more accurate because it is made from an abrasion resistant material comprising 50% cotton, 30% polyester and 20% polyamide with wax cotton and leather detailing. It is rated to CE Level A and there is CE-approved armour at the shoulders and elbows plus a full-length zip so you can connect it to riding jeans. The armour is flexible and doesn't upset the look. Build quality is great with chunky YKK zips, nice stitching and poppers that pop as they should. I'm happy with the fit too and comfort on the bike is fine, although it would be nice to have some zipped ventilation. It'll keep you dry in a light shower.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.louis-moto.co.uk

800 MILES

*PRICES FROM DEMON-TWEEKS.COM ON 120/70X17 AND 180/55X17

4 MONTHS



CS FREE charger £280 and Solar Charge Kit £320

'Free power – off the grid'

Tested by Richard Newland for 4 months



It doesn't take much to find you're out of juice when you hit the magic starter button. But if you don't have bike storage with mains electricity, what do you do? There are two products here, the CS FREE, and the Solar Charge Kit. Starting with the CS FREE, it's essentially a standalone version of the CS ONE, and is a multi-function charger that's compatible with all types of 12V lead-acid and lithium (12V LiFePO4) batteries. It's also a power bank with USB-A and USB-C ports. Charge

the unit, and then take it on tour. Once charged, it'll hold its power for a year, and will recover a dead bike battery enough to start your engine in around 15 minutes. It's absolutely superb, and really works.

And if you want to go fully off-grid, you can get the foldaway 60W Solar Charge Kit to keep the unit and your bike primed and ready for action. It's hernia-inducingly expensive, and too big to take on tour (on a bike) – but if your remote garage has a window (or you have other power needs) it's a cute solution.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.ctek.com



LS2 Subverter EVO £140

'Superb for new off-roaders'

Tested by Saffron Wilson for 14 months



A fabulous option if you're looking to get started off road. The long oval design makes the helmet extremely comfortable, even after using it off-road all day on training

schools, and it's thoroughly ventilated

to keep the sweat at bay. There are intakes on the chin and at the top with plenty of exhausts at the back, and it also has a channelled EPS liner to help with airflow.

The liner itself can be removed and washed, and the emergency release cheek pad system is always a comfort.

It meets ECE 22.05 and has a double-D ring fastening with a reinforced chinstrap. The only thing is I wish the peak could sit higher up so you can pop goggles under it more easily.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
ls2helmets.com

14 MONTHS

Oxford Airtrack Floorpump £27.99

Tested by Gareth Evans over five months

I've been taking this pump to trackdays to alter tyre pressures and it performs the task flawlessly. I'm a huge fan of the design for several reasons – first, the gauge is large and easy to read, but it's accurate too, matching the other pressure gauge I've got perfectly.

The amount of air it pumps is well-measured, so while you can accurately increase in 1psi increments, it's also not too much hard work adding 10psi or more when needs be, and it's far less cumbersome than a foot pump. It'll go up to 160psi, and you've got a choice of fittings, too.

Finally, I love the way the long air pipe stows, looping over the handle and clipping in.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com

