



SIX MONTHS

Things are very much on the up in the workshop

Acerbis Elevator Bike Stand £79.95

'A real joy to use!'

Tested by Simon Relph for 6 months



I have never owned a tall off-road bike with massive ground clearance before. It didn't worry me either, until I wanted to take the front wheel out of my long-term test Honda CRF300 Rally. Time to get something suitable for the job. I opted for the Acerbis Elevator, because this stand had a range of 460mm, was higher than that of the Honda's clearance, plus with the CRF300 Rally weighing in at 153kg (7kg less than the max load) I felt it would save my back a bit when getting the bike lifted into the air. Using the elevator stand could not be simpler. It comes in big bits and does not take long to assemble, I added grease to the bolts and moving parts for good measure. Pushing the pedal down raises the bike. The pedal can be then locked in place. When you are ready, release the mechanism, lift the pedal and the bike slowly goes down thanks to the hydraulic damper. A real joy to use!

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.acerbis.com

PROS & CONS

- + A great back-saving addition to the workshop
- I only wish that I had got one earlier



3662 MILES

Pirelli Diablo Rosso IV £280

'There's nothing they can't do'

Tested by Michael Neeves,



used for 3662 miles Pirelli's Diablo Rosso IV is a general-purpose sports tyre that sits between their sports touring Angel GT and more track-focused Diablo Rosso Corsa II. I've been running them on my BMW S1000R long-term over the past four months for general mucking about, motorway work, trips to Wales and Scotland and some sunny laps around Brands Hatch. There's nothing they can't do on the road: they're good to go from

cold, stable, complement my Beemer's sweet steering and are so grippy I've never seen my traction control light flicker, even in the wet. Better still, the rear tyre still has plenty of tread left on it after all these miles, although it's starting to square slightly. They're designed predominately for the road, but I had no issues with them on a fast group trackday, even without tyre warmers, but the rear carcass can move a little if you drop the pressure too much for the track.

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



Racebolt stainless steel caliper bolt kit £20.84

Tested by Emma Franklin, four months



High-quality, British-made replacement bolts from specialist supplier Racebolt. These four bolts are fabricated in high Cr/Ni Austenitic Stainless Steel

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which, Racebolt say, has been especially formulated for them to give their products superior strength, corrosion resistance and durability. I purchased these after I became aware that Honda recommend replacing the standard, hollow caliper bolts on my 2020 Fireblade each time they're undone, at a cost of £19.92 for each bolt! This stainless kit is a quarter of the price, and Racebolt say will not need replacing each time they're undone. Also available in titanium for £51.08, as well as with drilled flange options or socket cap heads.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.raceboltuk.com

MCN 5000 R5K READERS' TOP FIVE WINTER WARMERS

1



Oxford HotGrips Premium Touring £79.99

They're good at keeping my hands warm in winter, and I'd say they're definitely good value but the glue can melt. Robin Doughty, Twyford

Keis S102 Heated Boot Insoles £75

2

I run the cable up from my boots. My Keis vest plugs into the bike and provides the power for the insoles. Rob Goodwin, Wiltshire



Furygan Blizzard heated gloves £259.99*

3

I love the versatility of being able to use a battery or cable from bike. Ben Cordy, West Yorkshire



Gerbing Premium Heated Jacket Liner £199.99

4

It's top gear, plus super comfy and warm. I use the wireless controller with it too. Graham Bell, Essex



Keis V106 Heated Vest £125

5

My commute is around 30 minutes and combined with my Oxford heated grips these are a game changer! Richard Bentham, Bristol



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