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Cruiser tyres but with sporty levels of performance

12 MONTHS

Metzeler Cruistec, approx. £290 a pair

'Finally, a performance cruiser tyre'

Tested by **Jordan Gibbons** for 12 months

With modern cruiser power figures creeping north of 100bhp, tyre options have struggled to keep up – until now. Unlike most cruiser tyres which are built for stability and long life in dry conditions, Metzeler have designed the Cruisetec to turn and grip whatever the weather.

For a start they have a profile more typical of a sports touring tyre, rather than the virtually square profile of most OE cruiser fits. This vastly improved the handling of the bike I fitted them too, making it turn in with the ease I'd expect of a typical naked. Warm up is quick and they're confidence inspiring with no hint of letting go either under power or on the brakes.

The Cruistecs are dual compound,

with a high amount of silica, so they maintain that same feel and level of grip in the wet, which is not true of traditional cruiser tyres. The pay off for this is naturally a lower expected mileage although after over 1000 miles, they're showing little wear. The Cruistecs are available in a wide array of sizes, so if you've got a modern cruiser or bobber and enjoy scraping a peg or two, do yourself a favour.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★ metzeler.com

PROS & CONS

- + Confidence inspiring in all riding conditions
- They may wear faster than traditional options



No shame in a bit of chicken strip here...



ICE-scan tags £24

'You'll hopefully never need it'

Tester **Richard Newland**



Time tested 1 month / 480 miles

Buying products you hope to never use might sound odd, but pretty much every item of safety equipment you own fits the

same bill. There have been many 'In Case of Emergency' tags, stickers and wearables over the years, but this new system is the neatest I've seen. Simply download the app to your device (both iOS and Android catered for), sign up and populate your ICE details, contacts and any key medical notes (it takes seconds), pay your money, and order your tags. The double-layer sticky tags will arrive fast – mine came the next day – and then simply activate them via the app and apply them to whatever you like: helmet(s), phone case, bike... You get five to play with. In the event of an accident, emergency responders can peel away the top layer to reveal a QR code, which they can scan to get your name, ICE contacts, and your medical notes – massively speeding up your treatment and processing.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★ www.ice-scan.com

480 MILES

Ultimate Ear Sound-ear Pro £285

Tested by **Michael Guy** for two years, 17,000 miles

I was pretty sceptical about earphone earplugs and how they could cut wind noise while enabling me to listen to music. But how wrong I was. These are tailor made to your ears (you have to visit to get moulds taken) and I pair them with a Sena Bluetooth comms kit for an easy-to-use set-up. They have been faultless in two years of regular use.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★ ultimateear.com

