



Richa Mugello 2/Viper Street £399.99/£329.99

'Proper clobber'

Tested by Mike Armitage for six months, 1000 miles



I used to think of Richa as B-list. But then I slipped into some of their leathers, and my opinion rapidly changed. The Mugello 2 jacket (£399.99) and Viper Street jeans (£329.99) feel supple and quality, with all the features you want: solid AA CE rating, D30 armour (Level 1), removable (and proper warm) jacket lining, external slider bits, full-length connecting zip, Aramid-reinforced stretch panels, and even a nice smell. I love the comfort from the neoprene sections on the collar and wrists, chunky zips and subtle venting. You're unlikely to be the same shape as me (you'll be glad to hear) so there's no point discussing fit, though as a gangly imbecile it's nice to find a jacket with sleeves that reach wrists. Proper clobber.

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

1000 MILES

Great comfort and all the right features too

PROS & CONS

- + Quality features and construction
- Not as flash as some makes (but who cares?)



3 MONTHS

tkCC Braided Carbon Fibre wheels £3118.29

'They're just beautiful wheels'

Tested by Emma Franklin for three months, 600 miles



£3118.29 is a lot of cash, but these aren't your ordinary hoops. Uniquely, they are spun from a single thread of carbon fibre by a 9m-wide loom. They are spellbinding to look at and very strong. In terms of performance, with the front weighing just 2.4kg, 1.7kg lighter than our Honda CBR1000RR-R SP's cast aluminium wheel, there is a discernible reduction in steering effort at high track speeds,

but it's not as pronounced as the effect I've experienced with carbon wheels fitted to older sportsbikes. Weirdly, it's at lower road speeds that they seem to make their presence felt, making the Blade feel really on its toes. Do they bring you £3k worth of extra performance? Not really. But if you want the strongest, most beautiful and unique carbon wheels for your sportsbike, they're worth every penny.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.thyssenkrupp-carbon-components.com



Kriega Max28 £199.99

'Cavernous, comfy'

Tested by Martin Fitz-Gibbons for four months, 500 miles



A lot of money for a backpack, but a lot of backpack. Kriega have a well-earned reputation, and this expanding rucksack is no exception. The Max28 is both sturdy and comfy, with a plush padded back, solid shoulder straps and clip-together chest and waist straps. Storage is split into three sections: one with a heap of zips and pockets for organising small items; the main Cordura section, which expands from 22 to 28 litres (big enough to hold a lid); and a roll-top waterproof sleeve which is (just) large enough to take my 15in laptop. My only concern is that a laptop could be vulnerable to knocks if you're carrying solid items in the main bag.

500 MILES

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.kriega.com

MCN 5000 R5K READERS' TOP FIVE WINTER WARMERS



1 Keis J501 Heated Jacket £199

My wife bought me this heated jacket for Christmas, last year, and I don't think I'll ever go anywhere without it ever again. Great kit that works so well. Sam Dickinson, Bury St Edmunds

2 Ryde Shield Muffs £19.99



I've used them for three years and I leave them on the bike through summer, in case of rain. Andy Gower, Harrogate

3 Visor Vision V2 Sponge £3



I use the sponge, at each stop, to get rid of the grime. It's rinsible, reusable and good for cleaning the lid too. Jon Ashley, Manchester

4 Oxford Rainseal Jacket and Trousers £34.99 & £24.99



Great as an extra layer over my textile suit and keeps out wind and rain. Michelle Gardner, Louth

5 Rukka 3 Chamb Gloves £119.99



These lobster claws are warm, flexible, waterproof and comfortable without being bulky. Adrian Leach, Stockport

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