



One month ON TEST

Klim Outlander GTX £320

Dowdy but functional

'Torrential rain? No problem for these boots'



Tested by Ben Clarke for one month/500 miles

I've not worn these boots for long yet, but the miles I've covered have truly put them top the test – particularly the Gore-Tex waterproof membrane. I covered 63 of the 500 miles I've ridden in them through a relentless downpour so heavy that I genuinely considered pulling over on safety

grounds. The spray from other vehicles was so thick, I could barely see, and even when the road ahead was clear of traffic, the raindrops were so big and heavy that they hurt a little through several layers of clothing. I couldn't believe it when I got to my destination with bone dry socks! They're CE certified as protective footwear and also pass the optional waterproofing tests, too (WR WAD), so they're sturdy and

reassuring despite looking like a pair of normal walking boots. I love the Boa fastening, which is quick and convenient but also achieves a tighter and more supportive fit than I've ever managed with laces. I've even taken to walking the dog in them, such is their comfort off the bike. If the design wasn't so dowdy I'd have no need for any other footwear! **Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★** www.klim.com

Daytona Roadstar GTX £469.99

'Five star performance'



Tested by Al Silcox for 12 months

Daytona have always been synonymous with quality boots, and they are a brand I have aspired to wear for many years. The Roadstars come with a relatively hefty price-tag, but that's because the quality is absolutely top notch.

With two zips and Velcro closure, they're one of the most adjustable pair of boots I've ever worn. I've got solid calf muscles, but once I'd twigged there's a double Velcro closure at the rear, I've been able to fettle them to fit perfectly. I've had them on for wet rides, cold rides, summer rides and long rides and they've never been uncomfortable, even when off the bike and walking around town or shows.

Made from black leather and with minimal fancy pants bits, the design is best described as functional, and won't stand out in a crowd. Construction feels pretty much bullet proof. I'll put my hand up to say I'm pretty rubbish at maintaining kit, but even with my lack of regard for cleaning and polishing, these are showing few signs of wear. Zips are solid and chunky, which did make them tricky to do up to start with.

The Gore-Tex membrane is fully



Not flash, just very, very competent

breathable and waterproof. I've been caught in some torrential downpours and they've kept my feet dry. The area that wears first on boots is usually around the toe-box, so

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Daytona have thought this through and reinforced this spot. Gnarly toe nails won't work their way through the extra layers of membrane, meaning feet will stay dry for many miles of wear.

CE approved to Level 2, they have shin and ankle protection along with gear change pads. Fortunately I've had no mishaps of late but do feel confident that should the worst happen, my feet would be kept safe and secure.

If you are in the market for a pair of boots that will last for thousands of miles, keeping feet warm, dry and safe, these are perfect. They are a great investment and I rate them highly, which is why I give them a clean sweep of five stars. I've got the feeling that they'll outlive me, and I intend to be here for at least another 50 years, so that's saying something.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★ bikerheadz.co.uk

ROKiT OFF Helmet Care Kit £29.99

'Clean and protect'



Tested by Richard Newland for one month

Ensuring your helmet is fresh not fruity, and that dirt and grime aren't allowed to eat into the shell and scratch your visor, are all important. If you want to be old-school, then a paper towel soak and a quick buff will get most grime gone in a matter of minutes, but if you're looking for an instant solution, this helmet cleaner does a fabulous job. I deliberately let my Shoei get absolutely clattered in baked on salty winter grime for a month before attacking it with the Helmet Cleaner from this four-part kit. It cut through the filth with remarkable speed, leaving my 25,000-mile lid looking brand-new again. I wouldn't say it's better than any other



Top marks for the cleaner. Sanitiser has a chemical smell

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dedicated cleaner I've used – but it is excellent. The micro-fibre cloth is also great, and the anti-mist spray works well, too. So far, so good. The only fly in the teeth is the sanitiser spray designed for use on the helmet liner. Fragrances are rather subjective, but I tried it on a helmet

that was destined for retirement, and found the fragrance way too strong and chemical in its nature, so wouldn't use it. Personally, I'd buy the cleaner on its own (£9.99), and not bother with the kit bundle.

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



Simple to use but surprisingly sophisticated

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Oxford Oximiser Pro 5000 £119.99

'It's been a great cell mate'



Tested by Gareth Evans for six months

I've been using this trickle charger to keep a variety of batteries topped up and it's been simplicity itself to use, but it's also feature-rich and built well. Ultrasonic sealing means it's IP65 weather resistant, the cable is winter grade, and there's a removable hanger for wall-mounting and rubber

feet to prevent scratches on paintwork while providing ventilation for heat to escape. Just tell it what type of battery you're charging using the Mode button, and then hit start. The device will cycle through an eight-stage charging programme with details on the clear LCD screen, and it'll bring damaged batteries back to life, too.

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