2 TCX Street 3 WP £149.99

www.nevis.uk.com

Initial impressions of the TCXs were that they are exceptionally comfortable, light and supple; they feel much more like trainers than they do motorcycle boots and their low-ankle design and white laces give them even more of a trainer feel. This is heightened by the use of D30 inserts in the ankles which stay flexible until in an impact.

However, the toe and heel cups felt very insubstantial which, combined with the soft D30 protection, had an effect on confidence. They fitted me very well and comfort was very good both walking and on the bike.

However, I began to feel the top edges of the sides of the boot against my skin, which started to get annoying. Confidence was also lower than ideal because of the low height of the boots – there was little between the malleolus bones and the top of the boots.

They aced the water test though, with no ingress whatsoever.

RIDE MAGAZINE RECOMMENDED

▲ Looked the most like 'normal' trainers of the group

▶ Soft and supple but not high enough for full confidence

▶ Edging was nice but started to dig in

THE FACTS

Upper Leather, suede

Protection D30 ankle, reinforced toe & heel cup

Waterproof ✔

Membrane T-Dry

CE rating 1-2-2-1

Colour Black, black/white, brown, green/brown

THE SCORES

FIT

COMFORT

FEEL

CONFIDENCE

WATERPROOFING

Total 41/50

1 Spada Striders £69.99

www.spadaclothing.co.uk

Out of the box the Spadas, like the TCXs, have a real trainer look and feel to them, finished in soft suede-like Nubuck. The branding on the side may not be to all tastes but they have hard 'density inserts' over the ankle bones with solid – though slightly shorter than some – reinforced toe and heel cups.

They feature a thick, padded lining and slipping them on, initially they feel as comfortable as trainers costing much more money, let alone motorcycle boots. They are light and flexible and extremely comfortable with the ankle protection sitting perfectly over my malleolus bones.

On the bike, feel for the brake and gear pedals was fine and the gear-shift pad on top of the boot meant it did not affect my toes. Confidence is very high; with the best-possible CE rating and the solid protection, they felt good.

In the water test, they eventually allowed some water in with the top of the right foot quite wet.

RIDE MAGAZINE BEST BUY

▲ Spadas look more like trainers and less like biking boots

▶ With a thick lining, as comfortable as regular trainers

▶ Confidence in protection and CE rating was huge

THE FACTS

Upper Leather, Nubuck

Protection Hard ankle, reinforced toe & heel cup

Waterproof ✔

Membrane Hipora

CE rating 1-2-2-2

Colour Black, Java

THE SCORES

FIT

COMFORT

FEEL

CONFIDENCE

WATERPROOFING

Total 42/50