

Eleveil Venom £199.99

'Great fit and comfort, and look fantastic'

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The Venoms are another very modern-looking boot, with suede uppers surrounded by man-made sections. Out of the box, they fit very nicely indeed, holding my feet almost perfectly inside the thick and supple lining. They are very slightly loose but this means I can wear a thicker sock on winter rides. Width and length feel spot on.

When walking, they articulate very well and the rounded front of the sole makes taking a step very easy, though the top of the boot could do with being a

little more snug - dialling out movement using the hook-and-loop-fastened flaps seems difficult.

On the bike, they continue to impress. They are very comfortable - although there is a slight feeling of heel lifting when using the controls, you have to look for it. The sole works well on the bike's pegs and their flexibility means that rotating the foot forward and back for the gear pedal is no issue. Despite the thick sole, brake feel is also very good and confidence is high. They have a good CE rating,

with a single '1' for impact abrasion resistance - surprising for suede - and appear to have good protection, with hard panels over both sides of the ankle and on the shin, and very strong heel and toe cups.

They kept all traces of water out, in both the spray and immersion test. There was a feeling of chilliness when immersed, as if my feet were getting wet, but like in the TCXs, they remained completely dry, suggesting the membrane was close to the inside of the boot.

THE FACTS

Weight (pair) 1472g

Height (external) 312mm

Height (internal) 265mm

CE rating 2-1-2-2

Material Suede

Membrane E-dry

Zips 1

Zip position Inside

LEAK TEST

Time to leak

No leak

THE SCORES

Fit



Comfort



Feel



Confidence



Waterproofing



Total **44/50**

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VERDICT

A very comfortable pair of boots that fit really well, feel lovely both on and off the bike and keep all water out.



ICE-KEY TAG

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