



Easy to move in but only A-rated

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Decent vents and pockets too

## Vanucci VAT-2 textile trousers £237.92

**‘Comfy, but they feel a bit flimsy’**



**Tested by Ben Clarke for three months**

These trousers are a matched pair for the Vanucci VAJ-4 jacket I recently reviewed and share the same colour scheme and construction as well as a short zip to join them together. As with the jacket, the VAT-2 trousers are water repellent rather than waterproof and you need to add a pair of waterproof over-trousers (not included) if you want to ride through the rain. The two cargo pockets are, however, completely waterproof and you can trust them with your wallet, phone or anything else you care to put in them. My biggest gripe is how flimsy they feel. Like the jacket they are built using polyamide impregnated with elastane and although this makes moving around very easy indeed, the end result is a fabric that I would feel very uncomfortable crashing in. The CE Level-2 knee protectors feel substantial and I like the way they run so far down your shin, though.

They are CE A rated but I'd be happier with a AA rating for the garment at this price point.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[www.louis-moto.co.uk](http://www.louis-moto.co.uk)



## SW MOTECH Pro-Sport Tank Bag £185

**‘Less painful, more practical’**



**Tested by Joseph Wright for three months/2000 miles**

Let's face it, there are very limited things you can actually do to improve the comfort on a 90s pocket-rocket like my Kawasaki ZXR400, but following some sound advice about how the addition of a tank bag could take the weight off my wrists while providing useful storage... I got this nifty bit of kit.

The SW MOTECH PRO range offers a sporty and aerodynamic shape, with ballistic nylon material, looking well at home attached to bikes that are meant to go fast. The magnetic pro tank ring can be fitted to your fuel tank in under five minutes via the four screws. You can then helpfully reposition the bag on your bike using the upper ring guide rail, allowing for a flush fit.

Once adjusted to suit you can simply throw this bag on your tank and it will hold in place with reassuring strength.

The bag has an expandable main compartment, but also an additional two exterior side zip pockets plus two interior pouches and, as if this wasn't enough, the lid has a further integrated zip pocket. For me it has the ideal amount of storage (12 litres) but if you ever get caught in a jam you can undo the expansion zipper raising the storage capacity to 17 litres.

I have found it to be just tall enough to lean on when grinding through the motorway-miles, but with a slim profile that isn't restrictive when hitting the twisties.

The fact that you can expand this bag by that additional five litres means that you can have it at maximum height when needing the support for your wrists and the storage, but also flat and aerodynamic when you are leaning off the bike.

The only extra thing I had hoped to see in the box was a smartphone dry bag. This is available to purchase separately (which is what I did) and fits snug using the included Molle attachment system.

I have been incredibly impressed by this product, as it's made longer-distance riding far more practical without spoiling the riding experience or the looks of the bike.

Makes riding a pocket rocket more comfortable, too.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
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Emm's chain has loved it

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## Scottailer xSystem £219

**‘It's time to totally ignore your chain’**



**Tested by Emma Franklin for 6 months**

I've not lubed or adjusted my chain in months. It's not often you can say that while holding your head up high! But it's true. Thanks to the Scottailer xSystem, my Suzuki GSX-S1000GT might as well have been shaft drive! It's been a long time since I've used a Scottailer and I have to admit to having flashbacks about complex plumbing, as traditionally the system required vacuum from the bike's engine in order to work. However, the xSystem is a thoroughly modern unit which comprises a

pump, powered by the bike's 12v circuit, that features 3-axis accelerometers which can detect when and how the bike is being used and distribute oil accordingly. It's a doddle to install, and set-up is easy. I started with the medium flow-rate (3/5 levels adjusted via buttons on the pump) and only increased it during bad weather. I had to top the 50ml reservoir with the supplied 250ml bottle of oil roughly every 1000 miles, but other than that, never gave it more than a moment's thought. No scrubbing, spraying or adjustment. Bliss.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[www.scottoiler.com](http://www.scottoiler.com)



## HJC C70 helmet £159.99

**‘Decent lid at a very decent price’**



**Tested by Ed Armitage for six months/1000 miles**

My first helmet was an old Caberg, which seemed fine as I didn't know any better as a pea-green 16-year-old. I replaced it with a secondhand HJC I70 which was lighter, more comfortable and plusher, but it was knocking on so was replaced with this C70. It's a step on again. At 1450g it's only 50g lighter than the I70 but it feels more, the vents are better (I like the big easy-to-press one on the chin) and the central catch on the visor close is easy. The control for the sun visor is on top, which is fiddly, but you get used to it. And I like that it has a three-year warranty – it reinforces that it's a good value helmet.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
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