



Daytona Road Star £434.99

'Quality speaks volumes'



Tested by Saffron Wilson for 22 months

With an outer made from water-repellant cowhide and backed up by a Gore-Tex waterproof/breathable membrane, the Road Star GTXs have kept my feet dry and warm, even during freezing temperatures. Plus, protection is top notch and as a result the Road Stars have a clean sweep of CE Level 2 ratings, meaning there's shin and ankle protection, plus superior abrasion, impact and crush resistance.

The trade-off for all this is that they are stiff to walk in, which is also a nod to their build quality. That said, you soon get used to this characteristic, and with their subdued design they look great on and off the bike, too.

If you're an all-weather rider looking for a decent set of boots that is likely to last for years, buying a pair of Daytona Road Star GTXs could be one of the best choices. Don't get me wrong, the initial price may cause a sharp intake of breath and leave you wondering whether your pounds would be better left in the bank in lieu of a cheap pair, but the Daytonas will earn their value.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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Alpinestars Tech 7 Enduro Drystar £469.99

'Unbeatable – but at a price'



Tested by Steve Herbert-Mattick for three years

I felt very smug about having dry feet compared to my mates off-roading in their regular MX boots – although they don't drain, so any water that gets in the top stays there.

Far more secure and rigid than adventure style boots, they break-in quickly to become surprisingly supple and comfortable. I have narrow feet and the slim shape works well for me. Everything about them is quality. The vegan-friendly construction is so well built they've withstood all the ups and downs of my off road riding and feel like they'll never need replacing. The best bit of off-roading kit I own and are beyond fault by any measure of performance. But value-wise, as awesome as they are they are undeniably eye-wateringly expensive.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.alpinestars.com



Klim Outlander GTX Boots £320

'These don't fall short!'



Tested by Simon Relph for four months/900 miles

These boots tick so many boxes when it comes to winter riding. They are classed as short boots, but are long enough to be covered by my over-trousers if it's wet.

They are light, yet still robust enough to be CE approved (CE certified to EN13634:2017, footwear 1112 WR WAD), which means they offer good all-round support and protection. The bulk of the boots upper is made from durable leather with Gore-Tex to keep your feet dry, while the left boot has additional

protection on the top of the toe to stop wear and tear of the leather from the gear lever.

The sole is well treaded giving fantastic grip when the going gets slippery and there's a stiff arch to protect your foot when standing on the pegs. The heel and toe caps extend upwards, offering additional protection. The most outstanding feature is the Boa fastening which, with a twist of the dial, secures the boots in place, then it's just a case of pulling to release. These have kept my feet dry and warm on some very cold and wet rides.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.klim.com



Genuinely waterproof boots – but scratchy...

TCX Airtech 3 GTX £249.99

'Brilliant, but not quite up to scratch'



Tested by Richard Newland for 10 months

Built from a breathable microfibre with a Gore-Tex membrane, these classy looking Airtech 3s use the firm's Groundtrax rubber sole. They conform to the EN 13634:2017 standard, and are '2122 WR WAD' – meaning they're a shin high boot that meets the base standard and deliver abrasion resistance, with superior passes in impact cut resistance and transverse rigidity, are Water Resistant and meet Water Absorption / Desorption standards. So all perfect, then? Nearly. Sadly, whoever designed the Velcro calf closure has never worn a bike boot. The overlap leaves the scratchy side rubbing your skin unless you wear bulky long socks.

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



Forma Arbo Dry £159.99

'Comfy and dry, but a bit bland'



Tested by Ben Clarke for four months

These boots are designed for comfort and I give them full marks in that department. The synthetic and Cordura blend upper is soft and supple and feels a lot like plush leather and despite their CE rating, they're really easy to walk around in off the bike.

Touring boots aren't about looking good, but I don't see why they need to look quite so dreary. The Arbos aren't the worst-looking on the market, but the best I can say for them is that they're discreet and inoffensive.

I will be putting more miles on these boots to really test the quality, but so far I've been impressed.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.forma.com/en

