



Oxford Toolstash £19.99

'Simple and fit for purpose'

Tested by Michael Guy for six months



I didn't realise that I needed a tool roll in my life but it turned out that I did when I had to fix a broken sidestand switch on a Yamaha Ténéré 700 half way up a mountain. This is a simple product that allows you to put together a tailor-made tool kit and keep it all in one place. The design allows you to securely store anything from individual sockets through to pliers and because it folds/rolls in on itself and has outer flaps – nothing goes astray. The design also means that while it can accommodate a decent range of tools, if you only want to take a few with you, it will fold up smaller. It's made from tough three layer 600D polyester so it certainly feels like it's going to last and it also has reinforced ringlets to allow you to hang it up when it's not being taken on your ride. No tools are included though.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.co.uk

SIX MONTHS

PROS & CONS

- +** Rugged construction to carry your essentials
- Remember that you have to supply your own tools

Just the job halfway up a mountain



600 MILES

Momo Firegun-3 WP boots £179.99

'Comfortable on and off the bike'

Tested by Dan Sutherland for four months/600 miles



These short boots have been great for rides in and out of town at low speed. As the marketing blurb claims, they're really comfortable to walk in and have loads of padding under your feet. I've also used them as walking boots on cold days off the bike, for slightly more warmth than a pair of trainers. They even look like a normal pair of shoes. You get a waterproof membrane, and a simple lacing system that tightens

within a couple of seconds. It makes getting them on and off easy, but once tightened there's a lot of excess lace, which needs to be stuffed down the side of your foot. Keeping you protected are reinforcements on the heel, toe, and malleolus – but I'd be lying if I said they offered the same sense of security as a conventional longer boot. For that reason, I choose not to use them on my commute; feeling a little exposed at dual carriageway speeds. They do meet the EN13634 standard for bike boots.

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



Halfords Advanced Torque Wrench Model 60 £85

'It's a tool for life'

Tested by Gareth Evans for nine months



This lightweight wrench doesn't have enough punch to tighten the rear wheel spindle on the Trident – its 12-60Nm range is a long way below the 110Nm the manual says

I need. But they have larger versions of the same design. What I was really impressed with here was the smaller-scale adjustment – I did a few jobs during last summer that required 3Nm of twist, and that's not very much at all. My larger wrench doesn't have a hope of achieving that sort of accuracy. You adjust it simply by pulling the plastic bottom cap down and twisting, with the main Nm display gauge paired with a more accurate 0.5mm scale to ensure your Newton Metres are exactly where they need to be. The wrench is finished beautifully, with hard-wearing plastic on the handle and has a lifetime guarantee.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.halfords.com

NINE MONTHS

MCN 5004 R5K READERS' TOP FIVE WATERPROOF BOOTS



1

Daytona Roadstar GTX £409.99

Best boots ever! You buy one pair and never need another. And they come back like new if you send them off for servicing. Ewan Skinner, Shotts

BKS Cruiser Buckle WP £89.99



2

They fit well, tour well and have lasted me four years. I have experienced driving rain for four hours and my feet were bone dry. Mark Davis, Shifnal

Alpinestars Web Gore-Tex £199.99



3

Solid, water-tight and non-sweaty; they've even stood up to a slow speed off recently with barely a scuff. Karl Mariner, Devon

O'Neal Sierra Pro £189.99



4

I purchased these for an off-road trip through the Vietnamese mountains. For the price they're absolutely cracking. Lewys Priehs, Norwich

Altberg Roadrunner £279.99



5

Totally waterproof, comfortable on and off the bike. They last for years and years plus you can get them repaired at the factory. Chris Biss, Buckinghamshire

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