



The custom paintjob is by Rich-ART

18 months



Shark Race R Pro £499.99

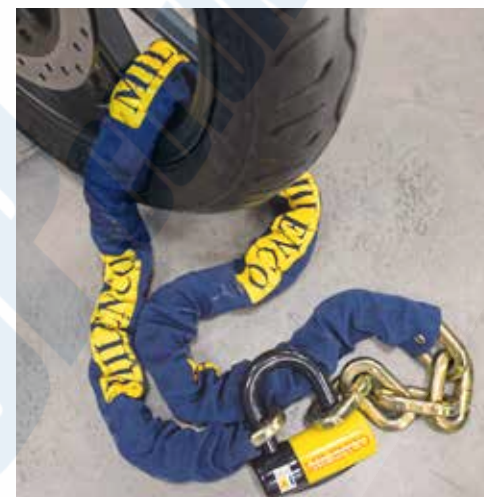
'Stick a Shark on your head'

Tested by Richard Newland for 3000 miles / 18 months



Underneath the Rich-ART paint, it's a Race R Pro, a model I've done more than 25,000 miles in over recent years. Now sadly delisted, you can easily pick them up online (£374.99 at [Sportsbikeshop.co.uk](https://www.sportsbikeshop.co.uk)). Despite being built and billed as a racing helmet, I find the luxurious R Pro to be a fantastic road helmet. It's close fitting and wraps around your jaw and neck snugly, helping (along with the chin curtain), to deliver a pleasingly quiet ride; the venting is good enough that even on sweaty days it delivers a reasonable flow; and the class one optical visors are thick and well made. The visors are claimed to be fog-free, and they usually are, but lots of huffing in the wrong weather will overcome them faster than a Pinlock-enabled one would. But the aperture is superb, and the visor changing mechanism is easy and effective – while the locking tab can be a bit of a fuff to disengage. The buckle is a double D-ring, the lining removable/washable, it's SHARP 5-star rated and comes with a five-year warranty.

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



Milenco Dundrod+ U-lock and 14mm chain £219.99

'Solid protection for peace of mind'

Tested by Dan Sutherland for one year across three bikes



It's incredibly important to protect your motorcycle from theft. Not just when you're out and about, but when it's tucked up at home, too. As something of a serial worrier, I like to guard my bikes with the chunkiest, heaviest chains I can, to give me peace of mind it will stay safe when they are parked up overnight.

12 months

This was particularly important when I moved to a house with the parking situated away from the property, and I called upon the security experts at Milenco to help keep my babies safe and sound. Sharing the house with another biker, I opted for the 1.4-metre, 14mm chain and mid-sized Dundrod+ U-lock with the idea being that we could run it through both of our front wheels for shared protection.

Weighing in at 9.2kg, the bulky combo works a treat. Not only is it named after one of my favourite road racing venues, but it also provides just enough length to keep both machines together, with multiple keys coming as standard to allow us both access whenever required.

Away from the sheer size, the lock passes the Sold Secure Motorcycle Gold standard and remains quite light in your hand. There's a hefty 14mm shackle to make it harder to cut through too, plus corrosion-resistant coating. I've seen no rust on mine, although it has spent its life in dry garages, and the keys have never had any resistance when turning in the lock.

The chrome-moly steel chain is 14mm thick and whilst I haven't taken a saw to it, it is claimed to be able to withstand a five minute attack from various tools – which should prove a deterrent if any thieves decide to have a go.

Despite its strength, it remains narrow enough to squeeze between the spokes of my old 1996 Honda CG125, too. However, I always aim for the bottom of the rim for fear of the weight damaging the dainty wheel structure.

The only criticism I have is of the chain's blue outer cover, which can sometimes work its way around and bunch up at one end – obscuring the chain loop for the U-lock. This is a minor inconvenience though.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.milencocomoto.com



7 months

Alpine Motosafe Pro Earplugs £26.99

'Filter out the windnoise'

Tested by Saffron Wilson for 7581 miles / seven months



These Motosafe Pro plugs stand out as they reduce harmful noises like windblast, but without muffling the whole world around you. Coming with two sets of plugs with different protection levels, you can still have a chat with your earplugs in, and they also fit snugly in the ear without jostling too much in the helmet, particularly if you use the applicator.

I used the medium set for skulking around town, and the high protection set when

mastering motorway miles. They were really put to the test when I used them with an open face helmet, and while I still experienced some wind noise, I didn't finish my journey with a migraine, or earache as they are small and fit perfectly.

I particularly liked the small carry case to keep your earplugs together, with a slot for the applicator. Unfortunately, I'm not one for keeping things together and I eventually lost one of each pair while on a road trip. But until then, I thought they were fab!

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
bikerheadz.co.uk



ZeroFit Heatrub Baselayer £55 (shirt) £55 (leggings)

'World's warmest layers? I'd agree!'

Tested by Emma Franklin for 700+ miles / two months



My new favourite winter under-suit. ZeroFit claim these Heatrub base layers are the world's warmest, and I'd be inclined to agree. The secret, so they say, is down to the extra long, super-soft Heat Threads on the inside, which look and feel like fluffy fleece. The theory is that when you move, these fibres brush against your skin and generate heat. The construction also retains this heat meaning that you get warm quickly and stay warm too, so that you don't have to wear as many layers. I've worn them beneath a one-piece suit on a bitterly cold day testing bikes on a windy airfield and I was seriously impressed.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.zerofit.co.uk

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