

**THE MCN SHOWCASE**

**ALL-SEASON BIKE BOOTS**

Rugged footwear that will keep you comfortable and protected in all weathers

- Fit and comfort rated
- Design, construction and CE scores rated
- Waterproofing tested in real world conditions



Inner zip feels solid and helps keep weather out too



**4500 miles ON TEST**

**Daytona Trans Tourman GTX £610.99**

**‘Expensive but impressive’**

Big, bulky and brilliant boots



**Tested by Gareth Evans for 12 months**

These hand-made German Daytona Trans Tourman boots sit right up in the stratosphere as far as touring footwear is concerned. I've covered big miles on a number of bikes, and now that they've worn in they feel like old friends.

They're unashamedly expensive, but have a spec sheet to match, with the very best safety ratings available and more adjustability than you'd expect from any boot, let alone ones without laces. I'm deeply impressed by their performance in all conditions, from scorching hot weather to wintry downpours, and you can't argue with their quality either.

I wouldn't say these boots look cool per se, but they certainly look functional and anyone who knows

what they're looking at will know they mean serious business.

They're designed for riding, and with that in mind the foot is tilted slightly inwards towards the bike for additional comfort on the pegs. They're not the best to walk in, feeling wide and a little bulky (they won't fit under my riding jeans) but they do have good arch support and there's no embarrassing squeaking.

The venting and insulation are simply first class, making for fantastic long-distance performance in a range of temperatures.

**‘They feel like they'd survive almost anything’**

They've got a Gore-Tex Duatherm membrane that makes them very breathable, but they're also fully waterproof as far as my experience goes. I've ridden with them in torrid conditions and foot comfort hasn't even entered my brain.

The buckle, which is beefy enough to use easily with gloves on, can be tweaked for various foot widths, allowing a sort of custom fit. And the shins aren't forgotten – the upper part of the Velcro holding the zip to the boot can be adjusted forwards and back to get the right width.

Sure, they're pricey, but they feel like they'd survive pretty much anything. I really like the zip-and-Velcro system to close the boot, because it feels solid and secure. When you pull these boots on it feels like you're ready for adventure.

In protection terms, these boots

feel so solid that I'm sure the road or bike would come off worse in a crash. The CE rating largely reflects this, with the higher '2' score across the board for the relevant tests for motorcycling equipment.

I love these boots: they're comfortable, adjustable, safe and practical, and best of all, you can currently find some big discounts at many retailers so hunt around now for the best deals available.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★**  
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**PROS & CONS**

- + Comfortable, practical, well-designed, durable
- Not that great to walk in, expensive at full price



Buckle up for an almost custom fit



Velcro offers plenty of adjustability