



Stylmartin Core WP sneaker £147.50

'They feel just like trainers'



Tested by Saffron Wilson for seven months

If you're riding in summer, these tick every box. Wearing them is just like putting on a pair of trainers so they are comfortable even if there is a lot of walking at the end of a ride. While out on the road, I got caught in a few rainstorms, and for the most part the waterproof liner was infallible. And even in colder weather, they were warmer than I had expected.

After about 5000 miles I got a small wet spot on my toes after a rainy ride, but after some polishing and waterproof spray they were as good as new again. Even so, they are ideal for summer and on warm days they are still breathable and comfortable too – a great benefit considering they're CE approved with malleolus PU internal protection on both sides. I also found the footbed comfortable and breathable, but it's worth noting that you can switch out the footbed for something that suits you better if needed.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.saltflatsclothing.co.uk



TCX ClimaTrek Surround £229.99

'Unusual but effective'



Tested by Steve Herbert-Mattick for 11 months

I've put 3000 miles on these vegan-friendly but unusual boots. Reassuringly solid, they work great on the bike while being extremely comfortable off it. The thick soles give great grip on both rubber and metal pegs, and on wet, slippery ground. That said, if you thrive on feedback through the pegs these dial most of it out.

The Gore-Tex membrane has never leaked and my early concerns about the laces becoming a gunked-up nightmare to tie have proved unfounded. The ankles come up just high enough to work with textile trousers and jeans without leaving any part of my leg exposed. They're my go-to, everyday boots. But while they are winners for me, at over £200 they're probably too expensive and weird for most.

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



RST Stunt-X CE boots £79.99

'Secure shorties, great price'



Tested by Emma Franklin for six months

Although these shorter boots are still a compromise on safety due to the absence of lower leg protection, a good pair should still provide all the comfort and convenience of a casual shoe but with all the foot and ankle protection of a traditional riding boot. And for me, that's where these RST Stunt-X boots excel.

Made from a microfibre leather-look upper, the Stunt-X are extremely secure around the heel and ankle, courtesy of padding around the

malleolus bones and a heel cup, providing an unexpected rigidity that you don't often get with driving boot-style footwear. Also surprising, but in many ways reassuring, was that I found that they took a little time to break in, especially when flexing the foot for gearchanges. That said, after half a day's wear they have been extremely comfortable.

At £79.99 they're an excellent price, as they're really well made with some high-quality stitching details.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.rst-moto.com



Alpinestars Monofuse Gore-Tex boots £239.99

'Flexible friend'



Tested by Michael Guy for six months

Designed for touring and everyday use I've found these boots live up to Alpinestars' claims of being light weight, comfortable, but most importantly waterproof. Made from leather, which has worn exceptionally well, and with an integrated Gore-Tex membrane, they have kept me dry despite some long wet rides where other parts of my kit have failed. They are a good compromise of being flexible enough to make walking easy with a decent level of protection, although the boot is quite short compared to other summer or off-road boots I normally wear.

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



Sidi Adventure boots £349.99

'They do it all'



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for 10 years

It's great when you find a bit of kit that fits perfectly and works well. These Sidi Adventures are a case in point, an all-round all-weather boot. Key to their performance is the Gore-Tex membrane which has proved infallible at keeping my feet dry. After ten years use the sole eventually wore through, however they are replaceable and they should now be good for another decade. Now superseded by the

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.sidi.com