



Great looks and comfort with some deals about

3000 MILES



AGV K6 Secret helmet
£279.99

'Extremely comfortable'

Tested by Gareth Evans for 3000 miles / 1 year



I've been thrilled with this trackday-ready lid. It's fantastic quality, with a secure D-ring fastener with a popper for the strap end. And I love how simple it is to swap visors out. My gloved hand struggled with the visor clip on the front, though, and ditto the stiff sliding forehead and cheek vents, while on the move. But it's extremely comfortable and I love the black and white design. It's only accredited to ECE22.05 safety standards, which means it's now behind the curve against the latest generation of ECE22.06 helmets – but that does also mean you can find some great discounts now, too, of course.

Quality ★★★★★
Value ★★★★★
www.agv.com

PROS & CONS

- + Great design, MotoGP features
- Fiddly vents, older safety standard



6 MONTHS

Alpinestars Nucleon KR-1 back protector/KR-C chest protector £149.99 back/£47.99 chest

'Lightweight protection'

Tested by Michael Guy for six months

I started wearing a back protector about 10 years ago and it's now a fundamental piece of my riding kit. They've developed over the years but this offering from Alpinestars is reassuringly thick with Level 2 certification while being incredibly light and, as a result, comfortable. Available in different sizes and lengths to ensure all of your back is protected down to the coccyx, you can also attach

it to a matching KR-C Level 1 chest protector. The chest protector element replaces the original shoulder straps to incorporate a sturdy portion of armour which is then zipped up at the front. Well designed (you don't even know you're wearing it when it's on), it gives an extra level of protection at the top of your chest. Fortunately I have not actually had to test the chest or back protector in anger, but it's still reassuring to know that it's there.

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



Enduristan Hurricane backpack (25 litres) £205

'Totally waterproof'

Tested by Jordan Gibbons for nine months / 1000 miles



Enduristan is a Swiss brand that specialises in adventure luggage. The 25-litre Hurricane is their largest pack

(a 15-litre option is £50 less) and it's one of the toughest packs I've used. Made from Cordura, the bag is totally waterproof without a cover thanks to its waterproof zip. I've erroneously left it outside overnight in the pouring rain and all the contents were bone dry when I realised my mistake in the morning. There are plenty of pockets inside and out, including a laptop sleeve, plus compression straps if you don't fill it. If you want to haul lots of gear around and not have to worry, this is the bag for it, as long as you don't mind black.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.enduristan.co.uk

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MCN 5004 R5K READERS' TOP FIVE SUB £200 GLOVES



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Held Sambia 2 in 1 Gore-Tex, £179.99

I used these on a long Scotland tour last year. Perfect in a cold spring and autumnal weather and totally waterproof. The 2 in 1 function adds flexibility to the usual Held quality, too. Jon Ashley, Manchester

Goldtop Silk Lined Viceroy, £64.99

Super-soft leather and very tactile as a result; I can't stand a thick glove. With heated grips they are perfect down to about 5°C. Mark Davis, Shropshire



Richa Arctic, £89.99

I've done 16,000 miles in these – including two crashes – and use them from October to spring. They're comfy, have plenty of feel and are top value. Matt Sutherland, Sleaford



Rukka Mars 1.0 Gore-Tex, £149.99*

I love these gloves. They're now available as a 2.0 design, but I've had these for two years and they haven't let me down once! Angi Todd, Hinckley



Richa Carbon Winter Waterproof Leather, £49.99

They've been great at keeping my hands warm and dry. Nice fit and comfy to wear, too. Alan Little, Middlesbrough



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