



Race-cut but also practical

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It also zips to RST trousers

RST Tractech Evo R Jacket £349.99

'As practical as track gear gets'



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for three years

I don't spend enough time on track to justify owning a one-piece suit, so a jacket that I can pair with leather strides for the odd spin around a circuit, as well as denim jeans for riding on the road, makes sense.

The RST Tractech Evo R is cut from the same pattern as the company's race leathers, meaning pre-curved arms for a focused riding position, large stretch panels and a substantial hump for smoothing out airflow at speed. It also has a few useful additions in the way of pockets, and a mesh liner that helps wick sweat away in high summer.

There's no scrimping on protection, as the Evo R has AAA certification and CE Level 2 armour for elbows, shoulders and back. A chunky zip provides closure at the front and there's a similarly substantial item for connecting to a bottom half, such as RST's Tractech 4 leather jeans (£249.99). External TPU shoulder cups and replaceable elbow sliders complete the race ready look.

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



Back protector would add value

Richa Mugello 2 £429.99

'Comfy, supple, sometimes chilly'



Tested by Dan Sutherland for one year

There's no question this is an expensive jacket, but it's high-quality, stuffed with comfy, supple D30 protection, and offers soft leather – plus a removable thermal lining for greater versatility. It also gets hard external shoulder protectors, and perforations for ventilation. It should come with a back protector for this price, though.

It's not a jacket for colder days without plenty of layers squeezed in underneath, but the cooling chill coming through the stretch panels of the arms is welcome in summer.

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

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Everything you'll need in a jacket

It's tough and well designed

30K+ miles ON TEST

Richa Monza £229.99

'It's a leathery chameleon!'



Tested by Richard Newland for five years

The Monza jacket is tough and highly durable, AA rated for protection, comes with D30 elbow and shoulder armour (there's a pocket to add a D30 back protector, available for an extra £39.99) and it works across a wide temperature range. It also looks good on anything from a retro to a sportsbike.

I'll wear it from 10 degrees up to sweltering temperatures, but at the top end of high summer it does get warm – mainly because it's thick, not overly vented, and because the

thin inner lining is surprisingly warm.

The soft padded cuffs are comfortable in use, the cut of the neck doesn't dig into your throat (always a bonus), the zips are all quality YKK items, and there are Velcro waist adjusters to accommodate over-consumption of fish and chips on runs to the coast.

There are also two zipped outer pockets and two generous inner ones, plus a zipped inner chest compartment for smaller riding essentials (like your phone), too. Sadly now discontinued, with limited availability online.

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



Top choice for women riders

DXR Kanelle £199.99

'No compromise'



Tested by Alison Silcox for two months

This stylish jacket is made from 1.2mm cowhide with a removable thermal liner, it's been a great addition to my riding wardrobe, perfect for the seasonal change from winter rides to springtime sunshine. The faux fur collar is snug but when damp can be a little annoying. There are CE-approved protectors at the shoulders and elbows, plus a pocket for back protection. There are two external, zipped pockets and internal pockets in the jacket and lining, but the internal pockets are fractionally too small for my mobile phone. It's great value; at just shy of £200 it's priced keenly, but quality and comfort aren't compromised.

Available in sizes 8-20, zips at the hip ensure a snug fit and it comes up true to size.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.sportsbikeshop.co.uk

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DXR Tonka CE £124.99

'A lot for the cash'



Tested by Stuart Prestidge for three months

For a leather jacket, including a back protector, to be comfy, stylish and protective for £125 seems quite an ask, but DXR have nailed it.

The thick leather has plenty of weight, there are shoulder and elbow pads with additional quilted padding, plus that back protector.

There are three zipped pockets on the front, two inside pockets – one for a phone while the other is large enough for the biggest wallet. There is even a waterproof zipped inner pocket on the left chest area. Further practical features include an adjustable cuff, fixed mesh lining and a connecting loop for jeans.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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