

TRIED & TESTED

MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT

★★★★★

2807 MILES



Richa Lausanne textile jacket £189.99

'It's almost the perfect jacket'

Tested by Saffron Wilson for four months/2807 miles

I always have an issue with women's jackets where they are too short in the arms or the body. But the Lausanne doesn't fair too badly (though I'd recommend teaming it up with long gloves if you're planning a lengthy ride in the rain). The jacket is waterproof for the most part and I only had a little seepage through the zip in exceptionally heavy rain, so the Aquashell membrane held up well. The D30 shoulder, back and elbow protection is one less thing to worry about, though the elbow pads made the jacket tight on the arms to begin with.

The pockets are a decent size and can handle a phone easily, and the detachable thermal lining was

welcome when the weather got too hot. Which is ideal because, even though it is a waterproof jacket, it doesn't look out of place on a summer ride.

There is also a connection zipper for trousers. Just remember to do up the collar button or you'll be driven insane with the collar tapping on your helmet at high speeds.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

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PROS & CONS

- + Looks great whatever the time of year
- Slight water seepage through zip in heavy rain



Phone stays dry, and there's D30 protection throughout



Richa Toulon 2 leather jacket £299.99

'Gorgeous jacket gives confidence'

Tested by Emma Franklin for six months/3500 miles



The first time I wore this jacket made me appreciate how far modern motorcycle clothing has come in the last decade or so. Out with the stiff, heavy leather jackets of old and in with something that looks and feels great to wear. The Toulon is soft and comfy, with the buffalo leather construction combined with underarm and flank stretch panels making it fit like a fashion jacket. And yet, it has the reassurance of AA CE rating for abrasion resistance, comes with a full set of soft, pliable D30 armour – including a back pad – and is absolutely stitch-perfect in terms of quality. Some may not like the jersey hood and tassels, but it's removable via a set of press studs. All in all, it's a gorgeous jacket that gives me the confidence that it'll help protect me in a crash. It's available in sizes UK8-22, and fits true to size.

3500 MILES

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

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Bull-it Covert Evo riding jeans £179.99

Tested by Michael Neeves for five months/2500 miles

Bull-it's latest jeans have new pockets to keep knee armour more snugly in place and denim that retains its stretchiness for longer through wash cycles. They still offer the highest level of abrasion protection (AAA), like the old Coverts, and have CE knee and hip armour, so it feels like riding in more than 'just' jeans. Reassuringly thick, robust, and showerproof.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

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