



Arm the airbag and you are ready to ride

15 MONTHS

## Furygan airbag vest system £379.99

### 'It's versatile protection'

Tested by Saffron Wilson for 15 months



This Furygan airbag is comfortable, form fitting and comes equipped with stretchy side panels to keep you hugged and supported on the move. As the gilet 'shell' is universal, I have used it with a range of jackets which is great to get your money's worth throughout the whole year. But, bear in mind that your skinny summer jacket might need to be the next size up as this vest sits under your jacket, therefore, you need to account for the extra bulk and the room needed for inflation.

Where the gas canister is installed on the back of the vest, there is D30 back protection and the gas canister can be replaced by the user, which is more convenient than with some brands which require you to send the vest back to the dealer/manufacturer. The rechargeable 'brain' of the jacket has a claimed 30 hours of continued riding time and although I haven't logged it to the exact minute, this appears accurate.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★  
www.furygan.com



## TCX R04D WP boots £139.99

### 'Quality, comfy urban riding kit'

Tested by Dan Sutherland for 2500 miles



I am not usually a fan of short motorcycle boots, preferring the longer designs which offer greater protection for shins and ankles. However, I have enjoyed using this short waterproof pair from TCX across the summer months particularly when doing slower 'cruises' on my '96 CG125 or a bit of commuting.

Firstly, they are no heavier or bulkier to wear than a pair of regular trainers, meaning that I can leave them on when at the office. But they also feature D30 ankle reinforcements and a tough exterior construction to provide more reassurance than riding in a regular pair of shoes could ever manage.

There are also reinforcements on the toe and heel although, that said, overall I would still be tempted to leave them in the drawer on faster rides on open roads as I prefer more protection than a design like this can provide.

Away from this, they have been very durable, with little to no signs of wear. The front pouch is designed for storing your laces (but I prefer to strap them into the upper Velcro fastener). The boots were also successful in keeping the water out during brief showers, although it has to be said that the short design means they act more like buckets in heavy downpours, collecting the water as it runs down your leg and into your ankle area!

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★  
uk.tcxboots.com

2500 MILES



18 MONTHS

## RST Stunt-X Boots £64.99

### 'I'll be wearing them for miles yet'



Tested by Justin Hayzelden

Short boots make a great option for those occasions when full kit is too much, such as popping to the shops or nipping up the pub. At least that was the intention, but they've actually proved far more versatile. Apart from the above, they've seen a regular 45-mile commute, where I've worn them all day in the office just as if they were a normal pair of trainers, plus two 1400-mile road trips which subjected them to the full spectrum of British summer weather. Thanks to the perforated upper and gel insole, comfort has never been an issue and the Sinaqua waterproof membrane has managed to keep light rain at bay.

They score well safety wise, with CE Level 2 for impact, cut and abrasion resistance. I'll be wearing these for a fair few miles yet.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★  
www.rstmoto.com



D30 armour boosts confidence



2 MONTHS

Great when on the bike or out with your mates

## Alpinestars Ageless Hoodie £119.98

### 'Top marks for A-stars'

Tested by Joe Wright for two months



It's top marks all round for this Alpinestars Ageless hoodie. Fashionable and functional this is the best hoodie I have ever owned. It's black in colour with the Alpinestars logo in white in the centre of the front. What's more, the discreet padding and other safety features mean I can be equally comfortable wearing this on my bike or just out with my mates. Those safety features include a space for an optional back protector and for shoulder and arm armour, plus there are belt loops to ensure it doesn't

ride up and which are perfect for keeping it in place and keeping the cold out!

It's also very practical with thumb holes for warmth and to stop it riding up when putting a jacket on over the top and zips on the front pocket so that, unlike most hoodies, this is really practical as you can actually hold your phone, keys, wallet etc in it securely. The front pocket doesn't sag either making it discreet and comfortable. The hood itself, meanwhile, sits well and stays up but isn't so thick that it gets in the way.

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