

Keis G901 Extreme

£210 (gloves), £85 (batteries)

'Protective, comfortable and super-warm'

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These latest additions to the Keis range are supplied with leads to connect to the bike's battery; they can also run via other Keis heated clothing, such as a vest or jacket.

Fit is very nice. They are slightly loose, but I also tried a size down and they were too snug - the heating elements were too close to the skin, according to a warning in the paperwork. The thumbs and two fingers were slightly long but this didn't cause an issue and comfort was excellent,

with a very plush lining and no noticeable tight spots or seams. Feel was very natural - a function of the thin yet effective Thinsulate insulation.

Confidence is excellent. The floating knuckle armour is hard with a soft backing, and there is hard protection on the fingers and the heel of the palm. The batteries make the cuff a little bulky, but the cuff-fastener is barely long enough - this could do with being at least 50-75mm longer for wearing over a jacket.

Switching them on after a period of chilly riding, the heat is instant and effective - by far the warmest here. Even distribution across the hand and the top and bottom of each finger. The large buttons are easy to use and it's simple to see which setting is selected - bright green, orange or red backlighting of the logo.

However, by the end of the dunk test, both gloves had allowed water to enter, with each hand ending damp.

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VERDICT

These deliver on every count except waterproofing. They give great feel and heating, and the most confidence.

THE FACTS

Material	Leather/textile
Insulation	Thinsulate
Membrane	Hipora
Weight (inc batteries, dry)	662g
CE rating	1KP
Battery location	External, inside wrist
Battery voltage	12V
Battery capacity (ea)	2000mAh
Charger	Multinational mains plug
Bike harness included?	✓
Heat control	Push button
Sizes available	3XS-3XL
Size tested	M

BENCH TEST

Battery life	1 hr 53 mins
Freezer test internal temps (measured every 15 mins)	-9°C/26°C/37.5°C/47.6°C
Time to water ingress	1 min 20 secs
Volume of water retained	213ml

THE SCORES

Fit	10/10
Comfort	9/10
Feel	10/10
Confidence	9/10
Warmth	10/10
Waterproofing	5/10
Total	50/60



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RECOMMENDED

BATTERY POSITION

The battery sits in a pouch with a fly lead out to the main connector, so you don't have to remove the batteries to charge them.



▼ Batteries can be charged without being removed



▲ 'I feel heat in my fingers...'