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MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT
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1000 miles ON TEST

Ben can get changed faster than Clark Kent

Rev'lt! Paramount GTX one-piece suit £1599.99

'Zip-on, zip-off... it's a revelation'



Tested by Ben Clarke for three months

The Rev'lt Paramount (or onesie as it is affectionately known at MCN Towers) is an all-in-one, laminated textile riding suit. It features a main zip that runs all the way from the neck to the left ankle which makes it easy to step into, and means you can wear office clobber beneath and be ready to face the day in no time.

The overall effect is similar to dry suits used by the RNLI – but with the benefit of CE Level 2 armour at the elbows, shoulders and back and some low-profile level one inserts at the hips. I don't think a textile garment will ever match the security of leather, but this is the most comfortable I've been in Gore-Tex. The laminated fabric is a little stiff when you first pull the Paramount on, but breaks in after a few hundred miles of use and you can almost forget you're wearing it on the bike.

Off the bike, the experience is a little different. It's still very comfortable, but the

noise it makes as you walk is enough to make an entire office turn around.

The other slight issue is that the zip rucks up around the crotch. Or to put it another way, you look a bit too pleased to see your bike! It's also a little disappointing that there's no option for a removable thermal liner. I have ridden through the winter months in it and have added my own mid-layer jacket to stay warm on the top half. If temperatures were closer to zero you'd need to add base layers underneath your clothes and then lose a lot of the 'ready-for-work' practicality that attracted me in the first place.

The Paramount's party piece – allowing you to shed your outer layer in seconds and be ready to crack on with your day – will never cease to impress and I'm willing to put up with a couple of minor shortcomings in exchange.

Yes, it needs more pockets and yes, you get cold if you don't layer up underneath in winter, but the sheer quality, finish and convenience of the thing is hard to look past. And most of all, I absolutely know that whatever the weather throws at me, I'll stay completely dry for as long as I need to keep riding, and that's priceless. Unfortunately, it's very much not priceless. It's rather pricey, in fact. But given the cost of top-spec kit these days and the fact that this really does deliver on its promises, I believe it's worth every penny.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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PROS & CONS

- + Completely waterproof, AA rated, convenient for the commute
- No port for heated kit, no lining, pricey, only one external pocket



Only the one external pocket, OK size though



Zip-open vents for warm weather rides



Adjusters stop excess material flapping