



How much? Yes it is costly but it is lovely too

BMW PureBoxer £1087

'Reassuringly expensive'

Tested by Mike Armitage for 12 months / 2500 miles



As someone who does their weekly food 'big shop' based on what's on offer and who has been known to superglue his kid's school shoes back together, the idea of spending almost eleven-hundred quid on a leather jacket seems preposterous. It's not, of course, and you realise why as soon as you get hold of it. Created out of horse hide, the PureBoxer has a fabulously smooth finish and subtle sheen, and softness that makes you want to stroke it. Quality is wondrous. Copper is used for the zips, press-studs and arm badge which adds another layer of class, as does the silky liner and high-quality removable thermal layer. You even get a little kit which contains a couple of badges in alternative colours. After a year of now-and-then use (I can't help but save it for best) there are a couple of niggles. One of the leather tags pulled off a pocket zip, and the delicate lining inside the sleeves is starting to fray a tiny bit from where it's been in contact with Velcro on gloves. While it's AA-rated and has pukka shoulder and elbow armour, there's no back protector included.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.bmw-motorrad.co.uk



Oxford Bladon £249.99

'Great looks, great price'

Tested by Simon Weir for five weeks / 1200 miles



I'm blown away by the quality of this stylish jacket – which in terms of looks and finish compares very well to my vastly more expensive old Dainese item. It's made from soft 1mm cowhide, reinforced in key areas, with triple-stitched seams. It has armour in shoulders and elbows and is CE-AA rated. Minor niggles are that the inside pocket is on the right (so I have to remove both gloves to get my wallet), the phone pocket won't take an iPhone in a case, and only Oxford's (£29.99) back protector insert fits – I can't use one I already have. Those are small points – it's a great jacket and outstanding value. All it really lacks is the snob value of an Italian label.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com



Richa Mugello 2.0 £419.99

'Pricy – but it looks cool'

Tested by Dan Sutherland for one year/1000 miles



There's no question that the Richa Mugello is not a cheap jacket at a penny shy of £420, but comfort and looks are hard to fault. With perforations for ventilation, this is not a jacket for winter, but it's not billed as that. It may be made from 1.3mm cowhide leather and feature a thermal lining, but you do get a cooling chill through the stretch panels of the arms, but that is welcome when the temperature climbs. On top of this, you also get D30 armour on the shoulders

and elbows as standard which are soft, comfortable, and unnoticed when you're riding, however I think you should get a back protector as standard for this price and it is a shame the jacket is only tested to the lower CE A rating. This particular jacket has the back armour installed and it too is soft and flexible, adding to the comfort. If you want to take things further, there's space for a chest protector. Also adding to the comfort are the soft neoprene cuffs. The wrap-around zip allows you to attach it to trousers.

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



Furygan Debbie leather jacket £339.99

'A proper biker jacket'

Tested by Saffron Wilson for



13 months/1560 miles

This is one of my favourite garments for summer – it's sleek, sculpted and is made from soft and supple buffalo leather, which has so far worn well. It features removable D30 protectors in the elbows and shoulders and, although you'd have to buy it separately, there's a pocket for a back protector. The whole jacket is rated to CE AA for abrasion and burst strength. The pockets are roomy, and the one on the sleeve holds a payment card perfectly which makes paying for toll booths easy. Plus, thanks to the hip adjustment zippers, you've got a bit of adjustability if you get uncomfortable. I only use the jacket for hot days on the road as anything less would render me a little chilly, especially if doing long miles. The cut means there isn't much wriggle room for a jumper underneath unless you get the next size up, but the removable thermal liner is effective.

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



Richa Toulon 2 ladies leather jacket £299.99

Tested by Emma Franklin for



12 months/6000 miles

This buffalo leather jacket combines retro looks with a sporty twist, thanks to its detachable cotton hood which fixes to the collar via poppers. The AA-rated Toulon 2 is my go-to jacket for dry spring and summer days, and even after considerable wear, it's still looking and performing as good as new. It comes with a full complement of D30 Level-1 soft armour in the back, elbows and shoulders that feel comfy and don't add too much bulk. Inside there's a detachable thermal gilet to help keep the chill away from your core on cooler days, but I have to admit to riding without it most of the time. I found the fit to be pretty much true to size, although you will need to go a size up if you're planning on wearing multiple layers underneath. Available in sizes UK 8-20, and in mens' cut, too.

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