

Used stuff

THIS IS HOW WE ROLL, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO

Bazzaz QS4 Quickshifter

How long: 18 months Cost: £340 Contact: jtecsports.com



> American firm Bazzaz are probably better known for aftermarket

traction control systems and fuel modules, but this plug-and-play QS4 quickshifter has nearly slipped by unnoticed. Keen to try something different, I put one on my ZX-10R last year to make it easier to ride when pressing on (and also as a source of childish entertainment when not pressing on). The simple pleasure of shortshifting through all six gears, just

because it sounds good, is worth every penny of the asking price on its own.

As you would expect from any quickshifter costing north of £300, it has performed faultlessly, serving up perfectly smooth gear shifts. Some quickshifters can be a bit crude in the way they cut the power and re-introduce it, and some aren't great unless under a lot of load, (in other words lots of revs and lots of gas). However, the Bazzaz unit has a really smooth and refined transition from gear to gear.

It doesn't matter how low the revs are or how small the throttle opening is, you get silky gear changes every time, and if you really feel you have to, you can also plug in a computer to adjust the shift times per

gear. The Bazzaz unit is about the size of a packet of fags and plugs straight into the ECU, so there's no need to hack in to the bike's loom, and it fits easily under the seat.

Johnny McAvoy



QUICKSHIFTER

Ignition is cut for milliseconds allowing for almost seamless gearshifts while holding the throttle to the stop



Arai Pro Shade visor

How long: 2 months/2000 miles Cost: £99.99 Contact: araihelmet-europe.com



> This might not be the coolest helmet accessory I've

seen but it is very useful. Designed for touring, it allows you to alternate between having a dark and clear visor. Arai came up with idea because they feel that making space within a helmet's energy absorbing area on the forehead for a flip-up visor compromises

safety. I must admit I was a little cynical about having the visor in the flipped 'open' position as I thought the 'peak' would generate lift. But it all works well and, if anything, keeps the helmet more stable. With it closed it gives you a 'dark' visor for the top half of your view and clear underneath. This only needs a little bit of time to get used to and actually allows you a

clearer view of your clocks than a normal clear visor. I recently used the visor on a 400-mile trip which went from bright and sunny in the afternoon through to rain and dark night. It meant I didn't have to stop to change visors. The optical quality is excellent. Useful if you travel long distances in one hit and don't want to change your visor.

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