



Rust is superficial. The lock and chain remain as sturdy as ever

Squire Massiv padlock and chain £199.99

‘This lock allows me to sleep easy’



Tested by Jim Blackstock for one year

At just over 5.5kg, this combination is a hefty piece of kit but still portable enough to carry around on a bike without too much moaning and groaning.

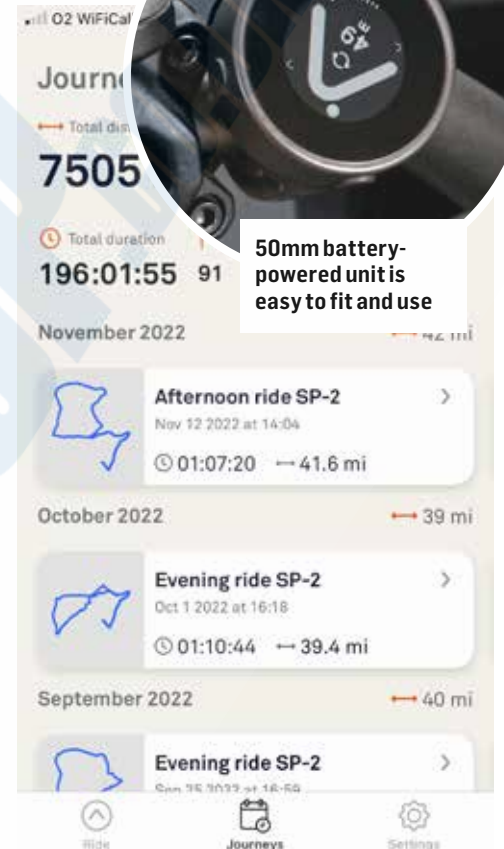
It is long and strong enough to be useful (120cm), but does coil up fairly well and can be tucked away at the bottom of a bag with relative ease. For the past year though it's been outside in a ground anchor, in a coastal atmosphere, attacked by near-constant winter rain and sea-water spray and baked in the heatwave.

Other than a little surface rust, it has remained in pretty good nick. The lock is still secure and smooth and the canvas sheath protects bikes' wheels. And I sleep easy knowing it is looking after the bike living outside under a cover with the 14mm hardened alloy steel chain and 50mm steel padlock keeping the uninvited at bay.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.squirelocks.co.uk



50mm battery-powered unit is easy to fit and use



Beeline Moto £199 + Bar Mount £29

‘A brilliant little navigation solution’

7505 MILES



Tested by Richard Newland for two years, and over 7505 miles

There's a lot to be said for pure, simple, effortless usability – and Beeline's Moto delivers all three. But it's not just functional – it's brilliant. The metal-cased unit is attractively tiny (50mm diameter), and that massively expands its options for mounting it on your bike.

With three different mounts I've used it on a Multistrada (with the accessory bar mount, £29), my VFR800F (using the supplied sticky modular mount) and my Honda SP-2 (using the supplied universal elastic strap mount on the fairing brace) all with equal simplicity. I leave the mounts attached to the bikes, while the battery-powered Moto unit hops between them.

Because the head unit is battery powered there's no wiring to worry about on your bike; it's a fully IP67 waterproof and shockproof self-contained unit that links to a nav app on your smartphone. Simply import a GPX route file or use the intuitive and pleasing app interface to create routes on your phone – then hit go.

Mapping is via Google Maps. It takes all of a mile or two to fully digest the directions and get used to how it communicates your next move – and then it feels simplistically natural. Go wrong and it'll automatically re-route. The battery lasts for up to 30hrs (10hrs if you're using the backlight at night). A really clever nav solution – especially considering how hard it is to fit a big satnav unit or mount your phone on some bikes.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
global.beeline.co



Alpinestars Faster 3 Rideknit Shoes £169.99

‘I really love their versatility’



Tested by Michael Neeves for 5000 miles / two-and-a-half years

These lace-up ankle height boots are designed to keep your feet cool on summer rides and are so effective they're a bit too drafty for winter.

Like many of Astars' similarly styled boots they're as easy to walk around in as trainers but offer a decent level of protection with a sturdy sole, ankle armour and reinforced sections in the heel and toe.

Main construction is a combination of light, durable, abrasion resistant microfibre and leather with mesh sections that let the breeze flood in. I've worn them regularly for

the past few years and really like how they feel on the bike, especially when using the back brake and gear lever.

Even after all those miles they're still in excellent condition, but they're coming to the end of their life now that the sole has started to wear out around the tip of the toes. If you want something harder wearing, warmer or sturdier, you're best off going for chunkier boots, but they're not going to be as comfortable or easy to walk around in. I love their versatility and the ability to wear them on and off the bike means you don't need extra shoes when you're on a bike trip.

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



DXR Ladies Warmcore Base Layers Top £14.99 Pants £14.99

‘A great fit, snug but not tight’



Tested by Ali Silcox 12 washes 10 months

These lightweight thermals are great value and perfect for year-round rides.

Hollow fibres increase insulation. They're moisture wicking and breathable too, making them perfect for winter or summer. The zipped collar is comfy, too.

Cut specifically for females, sizing is good and leg length ample. They are compression fit, so are snug but not tight.

I've chucked them through the washer on numerous occasions and they've not lost their shape.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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4000 MILES