

TRIED & TESTED

MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT

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250 MILES

Metzeler Racetec TD Slicks from £310

'Perfect for an enthusiastic trackday rider's needs'

Tested by Jon Urry for one track day / 250 miles

As I prefer to change tyres rather than bodywork, I fit slicks to my trackday CBR600RR.

Providing way more grip than my CBR or my own bravado can exploit, I have been a convert to slicks for a while.

Previously I'd used Metzeler's Racetec CompK, however when they needed changing I opted for their successor, the TD Slick. Like CompKs, the TDs are aimed at enthusiastic trackday riders and don't require tyre warmers (I use them anyway), can withstand a greater number of heat cycles than a pure race slick and have a construction and sizing more akin to road tyres, meaning you don't have to fiddle with suspension settings. You

don't get options on compounds but who cares about that?

And the wear rate is impressive, after my experiences with the CompKs I'd be happy to run them on at least four, probably five, full trackdays on my lightweight 600. That's a tyre bill of about £60 a trackday – and hopefully no broken bodywork.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

www.metzeler.com

PROS & CONS

- ➕ Amazing levels of grip, impressive wear rates
- ➖ Hard to gauge wear, not great in the wet



Incredible grip and they last longer than you imagine



Muc-Off Deep Scrubber Gloves £7.99

'Reaches the parts that brushes can't'

Tested by Emma Franklin for three months / six washes

A totally genius idea and now my new favourite cleaning accessory, Muc-Off's new Deep Scrubber

Gloves allow you to get totally hands-on with your cleaning. Made from tough silicone, the gloves feature soft bristles on the palm and fingers, meaning that you can use your hands instead of a traditional cleaning brush or sponge to blast off muck from all kinds of places. They're the best thing I've used for cleaning wheels, and they're great for getting flies off fork legs, getting crud off shock springs, and even cleaning tyres! They stop your hands getting dirty too. After you've cleaned your bike simply wash them in warm soapy water and they're clean and ready for next time. They make cleaning really satisfying, and dare I say it, fun! Available in small, medium and large sizes.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.muc-off.com

SIX WASHES

Alpinestars Intent jacket £54.99

Tested by Michael Neeves for two years / 20,000 miles

In basic terms it's a lightweight, quilted zip-up bodywarmer with stretchy sleeves, back, arms and a high neck for extra warmth. Despite constant use it's still in perfect condition and ready for another season's worth of travel and road testing. It's been discontinued from Alpinestars' range for 2021, which is a shame, but you can still find them online if you shop around.

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

