



7 MONTHS

Access can be tricky but it's ace for the price

Oxford Tyre Gauge Pro £22.99

'Precision kit that works'

Tested by Gareth Evans for seven months



If you're at a trackday, one of the most important considerations is tyre pressures. I've been running 36psi front and 42psi rear on my R7 with Pirelli's Diablo Rosso IVs on the road but drop that to 32psi at both ends on track as I strive to complete my mission and ride every BSB circuit this year (see p46). That means I need a way to drop pressures. Step forward this gadget from Oxford. It's a solidly built gauge that holds the peak pressure reading until you press the reset button, allowing you to use it in confined spaces such as a garage. The reset button also bleeds air pressure from the tyre, meaning you can measure the precise pounds-per-square-inch needed.

My only criticism is the 360° swivelling head, which can prove fiddly to get onto the valve at times. I'd prefer one that attached to the valve rather than having to hold it on to operate. The 36cm hose is extremely solid, which can make accessing the valve tricky.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

www.oxfordproducts.com



3000 MILES

AGV K3 SV E2205 Mono helmet £179.99

'Exceptional for the price'

Tested by Joseph Wright for 3000 miles



An outstanding lid – especially for the money. Mine is the 'Mono' version in matt black (gloss black is also available).

Comfort has been excellent with a fit that almost feels tailored thanks to a combination of accurate sizing and a very pliable lining material. The ventilation system's quick-action sliders work well, a massive boon this summer. There's a decent field of view thanks a wide aperture that's claimed to offer 190 degrees of vision, although I found visibility hindered slightly,

when tucked into a racing crouch. On top of that, the visor is easily interchangeable and there are lots of custom accessories available, such as different visors and lining options. Build quality is good, with my only slight criticism being the stitching on the lower wind protector. I have found wind noise to be quite prominent, something I put down to a contoured base profile designed to reduce collarbone injuries in crashes – but it's nothing a pair of earplugs can't fix.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

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8 MONTHS

Oxford Mint General Protectant £8.99

'Smells great, if you're into that'

Tested by Ben Clarke for 8 months



If you asked me my requirements of a motorcycle protectant spray, smelling of mint would be right at the bottom – if at all. But just like nice smelling bike washes and chain lubes, now I've had it I don't want to go back.

I've been using this throughout spring and summer on my Indian FTR after washing and it's really easy to apply. Unlike ACF-50, you just spray this stuff straight from the can without turning your bike into a gloopy mess. It doesn't last as well as ACF, though, and, unlike the purple stuff, it won't reverse corrosion that's already started. I've had four applications from my can and it feels like there's about half left so I expect to get at least eight in total – or £1 per use – which isn't bad. I'll be interested to see how effective it is in the coming months of road crud and salt.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

www.oxfordmint.co.uk



RST Pro Series Adventure-X Airbag Jacket £549.99

'Lifesaver on hot rides'

Tested by Justin Hayzelden for 11 months,



After a full, four-season test I've become rather attached to the RST Adventure-X jacket. Not because it has excelled in all conditions but because it has been exceptionally

good at what it does best – and that's without taking the airbag tech into account.

Let me explain: What RST have done is to focus on the dual-sport aspect of adventure biking and the physical demands of riding off road. I don't know about

you, but when the going gets dirty, I get hot and sweaty and the last thing I want is that claustrophobic sense of being ziplocked in. It's something that a previous RST adventure jacket, the X-Raid, was guilty of, thanks to a fixed waterproof membrane.

The Adventure-X eschews that in favour of a removable waterproof liner and is all the better for it. Airflow is unparalleled with full-length, zippable vents on both arms, two generous chest panels, shoulder intakes and two huge exhausts at the back. It also has provision for a two-litre water reservoir, something which was a lifesaver last summer. There was nothing like topping up the tank with a fridge-fresh bottle of water. Once the breeze started circulating it was like having integrated air conditioning!

The downside of the Adventure-X is that, despite the thermal liner, it's really not that warm for road riding in the depths of winter – and I'm someone who doesn't mind the cold. It does keep the rain out, though, even when the outer is completely wet through.

CE certification is AA, with Level 2 shoulder and elbow armour, but the In&motion airbag unit takes protection to a whole different level. As proven in MotoGP, it can be set via an app to an 'adventure' setting to suit the nature of riding rough terrain. The control box is purchased via a separate subscription of £12 per month, keeping the cost of the jacket low and having the advantage of constant updates.

As a genuine adventure jacket for getting busy off the beaten track and on the road, the Adventure-X is hard to beat.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

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3800 MILES