



Waterproof and breathable

Big miles and going strong



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## Weisse Wave 2.0 Waterproof Gloves £99.99

### 'Crest of a wave'



**Tested by Joseph Wright for nine months**

Motorcycle gloves are often overlooked compared to helmets or jackets, but they're crucial as your main contact with the bike and first defence in a crash. This year, the Weisse Wave 2.0 gloves have been my top choice. They feature a short, waterproof design suitable for road and off-road use, offering a great balance of protection, breathability, and comfort. The insulation is effective without adding bulk, making them ideal year-round.

They fit true to size and are comfortable, though the small silicone grip strip could offer better control. After nearly 10,000 miles, the gloves are still functional, though some stitching looks worn, and the material has warped slightly from rain exposure.

At under £100, the Wave 2.0s offer excellent value as an all-around option. While the plain styling and limited grip are drawbacks, their versatility and practicality have made them my go-to gloves for various riding conditions.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[www.fowlers.co.uk](http://www.fowlers.co.uk)



## Sidi Adventure 2 Gore-Tex £359.99

### 'Five-star gear'



**Tested by Justin Hayzelden for 18 months**

The Sidi Adventure 2 is a stiff, sturdy boot, so it's important to get as close a fit as possible to prevent chafing. With the adjustable micrometric clips cinched up and snapped in place, the boot binds itself snugly to your foot and is sufficiently cushioned on the inside of the armour and across the footbed for all-day comfort on the bike.

I put that fully to the test last summer, wearing them every day on a 3000-mile tour around Europe at the helm of MCN's Harley-Davidson CVO Pan America longterm, and the Sidis never felt less than a biomechanical extension of my body.

The overall construction has the same high-end feel as Sidi's top road-racing and off-road gear, which is about as good as it gets. All the moving parts are replaceable if needs be, although you'd have to try very hard, or be extremely unfortunate, to actually break any of them in normal use.

CE certification is to the higher Level 2 across the board, and with protection technology borrowed from the competition world, I feel confident tackling almost any situation that adventure touring throws my way. They've been subjected to wet mud and deep ruts off road, torrential rain and searing heat on road, been bashed about on rocks and marched around in for a good few miles, and they've taken it all in their stride.

If there's any downside to the Adv 2s, it's that they squeak when you walk, and that's never more noticeable than when you stomp into a hotel lobby like some T-800 Terminator who's gone on holiday by mistake. It's easily fixable with some dubbin or leather balm smeared on the offending surfaces.

For an all-terrain, multi-season boot that's as suited to commuting as it is to long distance touring, the Sidi Adventure 2 is a tough act to beat. Yes, they're expensive, but that's massively outweighed by the protection they offer, and if you factor the initial price by how long they should last, they're rather good value for money. I've seen them on sale with significant discounts, so it's worth shopping around, particularly if you're not fussy about the choice of colour.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[www.sidiselect.co.uk](http://www.sidiselect.co.uk)

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'Hey Siri...' voice controls are built in

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## Sena Stryker £539

### 'High-tech headgear'



**Tested by Robin Kirkley for two months**

The big story with Sena's Stryker helmet is the built-in tech. With Bluetooth 5.0 you can connect to four other devices or riders, and wifi is baked into the helmet. The closed Mesh network, meanwhile, can accommodate up to 24 riders within a 5-mile radius. There are nine channels so you can always find one with no interference from other groups.

The icing on the cake is the quality sound from the Harmon Kardon speakers and microphone. Tech is controlled from four

buttons on the outside with further settings in the Sena Motorcycle app (available on Android and iPhone). The helmet also responds to voice-activated commands ("Hey Google", "Hey Siri"). My experience riding with the Stryker is that it's quiet and comfortable. I've had to readjust to the ratcheting strap instead of double D-rings, but Sena chose that option as a quick-release safety system so fair enough. The visor does feel flimsy and a Pinlock option would have been great. Otherwise, a good helmet.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[www.sena.com](http://www.sena.com)



## TCX Street 3 WP boots £149

### 'They tick all the right boxes'



**Tested by Carl Stevens for five months**

These don't just look like a swanky set of trainers – they feel like it too. For a full day of riding and walking they tick all the right boxes, with a comfortable, soft insole and a grippy bottom, which makes them near enough perfect – although they do get a little bit toasty in warmer conditions. However, this is because the Street 3 WP boots are properly waterproof, with the T-DRY membrane working well, even in heavy rain. They feel secure with D30 protection inserts on the side panels, and even after a reasonable amount of use across everything from Austrian snow to British sunshine, they aren't showing much wear.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[www.tcxboots.com](http://www.tcxboots.com)

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