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MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT

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Vents open and riding off-road around Lesotho



Rev'it Arc H20 jacket £209.99

5000 MILES

'A do-it-all favourite'

Tested by **Your Ben Clarke** for 24 months, 5000 miles

This jacket was initially intended for a bit of light commuting work on warm but changeable days on a sportsbike and has ended up being a trusty riding companion for all sorts of days. I've ridden through blazing sunshine, pouring rain and everything in between. I even pressed it into service on an off-road trip in Lesotho before the pandemic. It may look like a sporty cut but the arms are loose-fitting enough that you can pretty much use it for anything. With the lining out and all the vents open it keeps you cool on even the hottest of rides and with the liner in and the vents closed you can stay warm all the way down to about 5 or 6 degrees. I even

swapped the lining for a mid-layer and used it through winter. You get shoulder and elbow armour, which is CE level one, and there's an optional back protector. The armour isn't hugely substantial and if you're looking for maximum protection this jacket perhaps isn't for you. The design looks great and at £209.99 it's decent value for money, too.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.revitsport.com

PROS & CONS

- + Versatility for use in all manner of conditions
- The armour doesn't feel that substantial



The cut looks sporty but the jacket is very versatile



Richa WP Racing gloves £74.99

'Hard to beat for fit and comfort'

Tested by **Ali Silcox** for one year, 1500 miles



Soft, supple and comfortable, these leather gloves from Richa are incredibly comfortable and they fit like a glove, literally! I've opted for a men's medium, as I've not got the most delicate of hands, but for women with slimmer fingers there are female-specific sizes too. At under £75, they are great value and have worn better than similar gloves that cost twice the price. They're CE-approved and have moulded plastic knuckle protection, padding on the fingers and wrists. Cuffs are adjustable and fit either under or over most of my jackets. The Hipora liner, is waterproof and breathable, which makes them the perfect choice for three-seasons, although not warm enough for winter rides unless you have heated grips. They do lack a visor wipe on the finger for wet weather outings, but that's a minor criticism and I really am picking fault.

1500 MILES

Quality ★★★★★
Value ★★★★★
www.nevis.uk.com

Alpinestars GP Pro gloves £229.99

Tested by **Michael Neeves** for 10,000 miles, three years

They look a little tired after many a hot and sweaty track mile around the world, but they're comfortable and protective, too, as I discovered after crashing back down to earth during a third-gear (70-ish mph) corner entry highside. I went down head and shoulders first, followed by my hands, but I got away without injury. The gloves are scuffed, but there are no burst seams.

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

