



Daytona Roadstar Pros
£469.99

'My favourite all-weather bike boots'



Tested by Saffron Wilson for four years

If you want your feet to stay warm and dry in some of the worst riding weather the UK has to throw at you, then these Daytonas are a fabulous choice. I haven't quite braved a snowstorm, but we've been through torrential downpours and the only time my socks have got damp is when a water bead drips in from the top cuff.

They have a Gore-Tex membrane, are CE rated and are surprisingly comfortable considering you've got what I think is a relatively tight calf fit and wide shinbone protection.

Over the years, the zips have got a bit reluctant to pull up easily, particularly if I'm wearing thick socks (I'm not one for being cold) but I think with a bit of oiling-maintenance this issue will be resolved no problem. But that has never been enough to put me off, and although I've had these in the armoury for four years, they are still regularly part of my standard riding kit and I don't think they'll be forgotten or gathering dust for long.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
bikerheadz.co.uk



Going strong after four years

9000 miles ON TEST

Merlin Maverick WP
£250

'Sleek and protective'



Tested by Adam Oldfield for three months

There is plenty of competition nowadays within the adventure boot market, from vintage styles, to the latest reinforced ratcheted off-roading boot; often a trade-off between function and style. The Merlin Maverick does well to combine both as an aggressive looking boot, worthy of tackling a tough adventure, whilst being sleek and not too utilitarian. You can slip your jeans over the top to lessen the adventure look should you desire.

The Mavericks are a slim-fitting boot; with the Velcro and ratchet clasps locking the boot to your leg, there isn't much room for fitting riding trousers inside and they are much more suited to a pair of over-boot motorcycle trousers. They may be slim in profile, but they are reassuringly tough with integrated D30 shock absorbing impact protectors and reinforcement in the



Secure fit and the aggressive soles have solid grip on and off the bike

shin, sole, heel, and toe. With that much protection, surprisingly the combined leather uppers are quick to break in. With flex at the ankle joint coming quickly allowing you to comfortable walk when off the bike. Plenty of grip is provided by the Vibram sole and its large lugs for when you leave the comfort of the tarmac.

As an all-season boot, paired with a decent thermal sock, they work well in winter keeping feet warm and dry on my 3-hour commute. Longer than that, and you do start to notice a chill, however by that point the cold starts seeping in on every limb let alone your feet. Overall, a decent boot that will serve many adventures and

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.adventurerider.co.uk

786 miles ON TEST

RST Axiom Mid CE
Waterproof £80.99

'Truly five-star boots'



Tested by Emma Franklin for two years / 7000 miles

Now into their second winter, these have become my favourite boots for everything from the commute to long-range rides. They're comfortable while also feeling secure and protective around the ankle and shin (despite being mid-length, they're CE certified as full-length boots), thanks to loads of padding in these areas. The plushness continues to the insole too, which is thick foam and feels extremely cosseting – plus, combined with the chunky rubber outsole also provides great insulation both from the cold and also any vibrations transmitted through the bike's pegs.



Mid-length but protective kit

Two years ON TEST

Waterproofing is taken care of by a Sinaqua membrane beneath the microfibre upper and it's never once let in any rain, even on the wettest of days. Although the accordion fabric stretch panelling does provide a little bit of ventilation, they're warm – arguably too warm for peak

summer rides. Considering these are entry-level boots, the quality is top notch; the Axioms are very well made (which did mean they took a bit of breaking in) and nothing's failed so far. Wholeheartedly recommended.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.rst-moto.com

Richa Slick waterproof
£79.99

'Budget boots that last the distance'



Tested by Joseph Wright for three years

Some gear just keeps going, like the Richa Slick waterproof boots. After 15,000 miles and three years, they remain impressively durable for under £80. Comfort is outstanding on and off the bike, and while the design isn't the most stylish, the quality of finish holds up well. They're waterproof, warm in winter, but a bit sweaty in summer. The smooth soles lack grip, but reinforced heel and toe pads offer enough protection with great flexibility for sporty riding.

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

15K miles ON TEST



Eleveit X Privilege
£249.99

'Fantastic but flawed gear'



Tested by Nye Davis for seven months

These enduro boots can mix it up with the best midrange offerings – except for one major drawback. They're comfortable, while being sturdy enough in a spill, water resistance is respectable, peg feel is good and grip both on the bike and off is admirable. So, what's the drawback? The buckles are subpar and hard to work – to the point that on occasion, I've had to resort to using tools to pry myself free.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.eleveit.it

7 months ON TEST