



**Alpinestars AMT-10 Drystar XF £144.99**

**‘Great control and protection’**



**Tested by Michael Guy for five months**

If you're looking for a glove that really can do it all, this latest offering from Alpinestars could be it. I've used it off-road riding in spring through to winter motorway mileage. Thin enough to give a good level of control with the benefits of top end protection and being fully waterproof. Billed as a winter glove, it wouldn't be my first choice for sub-zero temperatures, but not being that thick means you can also really feel the heat from the bike's heated grips – if you've got them.

The goat leather palm is strong, but super supple and its protection credentials are backed up by CE Level 2 impact protection thanks to the over knuckle protection. The rest of the glove is CE Level 1.

They've kept my hands dry in heavy rain and I like the fit and the generous and long cuff. There is a wrist strap and a drawstring toggle on the cuff for extra weather protection. They have touchscreen-compatible thumbs and forefingers.

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

**1400 miles ON TEST**

**Goatskin palm and screen-friendly fingers**



**Not cheap but well considered**

**Klim Carlsbad jacket £790 and pants £640**

**‘Pricy but pretty much perfect!’**



**Tested by Simon Relph for seven months**

Klim motorcycle kit is notoriously expensive, but that's because the company pride themselves on quality and attention to detail. The Klim Carlsbad jacket and trousers are a great example of this.

The two-piece is aimed at the off-roader and this latest set has improved ventilation, abrasion resistance and protection over previous Klim gear.

The bulk of the jacket is made from FPL400 fabric, with areas such as shoulders and elbows reinforced with 630D Cordura. Both jacket and trousers are very comfortable and leave you feeling free to move about on the bike, while staying dry thanks to the Gore-Tex performance shell.

The trousers and jacket are easy to put on and take off thanks to the adjustable cuffs and bottom hem on the trousers, which are quickly secured along with the collar's Velcro fastening, ready for the off.

The jacket is equipped with chest and arm vents to the front, and two exhaust vents to the rear. If this is not enough, the main zip can be lowered and both sides of the collar can be clipped back in place using the tabs. The trousers have similar vents, two at the front and two to the rear. One thing to remember, is to do them back up if you are riding through large amounts of water... always a shock on a warm day.

Storage is not a problem, with grand total of 14 pockets on the jacket; eight external and six internal. Klim seem to have thought of everything. The trousers have just two zip-up pockets on the front, with Velcro flaps.

Protection is taken care of by D30 CE Level 2 armour in both jacket and trousers, at the elbow, shoulders, hips, knees, and a back pad. The armour is very flexible, so it goes almost go unnoticed when being worn. All the armour can be easily removed if needed, plus a kidney belt can be threaded through the back of the jacket (via two zips either side of jacket lining) if it is your preference to wear one. Really well thought out kit that's holding up well so far.

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

**1100 miles ON TEST**



**3 months ON TEST**

**No outdoor tap? No problem**

**Karcher OC 3 Pressure Washer £119.99**

**‘I want to be able to just wash and go’**



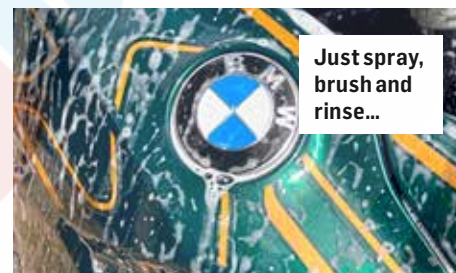
**Tested by Justin Hayzelden for three months**

I have to admit to being sceptical when I first unboxed Karcher's diminutive rechargeable pressure – with a four-litre capacity and 15-minute run time, how on earth could this work when faced with a dirty bike? Surprisingly well as it happens. Charging takes around three hours, after which you just fill it with water and away you go.

The reservoir detaches easily, revealing a short curly hose and trigger-operated spray head, and all up weight with a full tank is only

6kg, so you can hold it in one hand while dancing around your bike, with no garden hoses or extension leads to get tangled up in. The OC 3 has a low pressure flow (2 litres/minute), so you will need some elbow grease to agitate whatever bike wash you use before rinsing off, but on the flip side, it won't damage delicate fins on radiators and oil coolers, or lift paint. I have to fill it three to four times to get the job done, but with nothing to set up or put away that's barely a hassle. I have to say I am pretty impressed.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[kaercher.com/uk](http://kaercher.com/uk)



**Just spray, brush and rinse...**

**Muc-Off Snow Foam 5 litres £45**

**‘It's Christmas every wash’**



**Tested by Richard Newland for six months**

I give the bike a once-over with water, then add the foam dispenser to the lance with a little decanted bottle of Snow Foam attached. Clart the bike in a foam white-out, leave it to soak, agitate with a brush and blast it all away.

On areas of proper grime (engine, wheels etc) more effort is normally needed – and I'll use a more dedicated cleaner – but as a primary full-bike wash, it works brilliantly. Smells good, too. Muc-Off say it's pH balanced and won't eat away at wax treatments or any paints/bare metals etc. It lasts well, too – I've done well over 30 bike washes – and a few cars – and I've not quite exhausted the 5ltrs yet.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[www.muc-off.com](http://www.muc-off.com)

**More than 30 washes**