

Cleans up well and feels like it's built to last



Cuff has both zip and popper

8000 miles ON TEST

Richa Daytona 2 from £339.99

'Timeless classic'



Tested by Richard Newland for one year

The timeless design looks great, and the leather feels beautiful. It cleans up well, and there are no areas where it looks like corners have been cut. It meets the AA CE safety rating, which is the minimum I'd recommend for normal road riding, while I'd prefer AAA, and boasts armour from D30 (elbow, shoulder and back protection are standard). There's also a short zip to give you connectivity to trousers.

Available in sizes 36 to 54, I wear the 52 and reckon the fit is exactly to size and is well-shaped for my lumpy form. There's waist adjustment available via tabs which secure to poppers, and the cuffs are zip-closure with popped tabs. For chilly days, there's a zip-in quilted liner, too. The neoprene lined collar is comfy, the sleeves are the right length, it sits right at the hips. There are four external pockets, all zipped and all big enough to swallow an iPhone8 or a wallet, while there's also three internal pockets. The only wear or tear after 8000-odd miles is a fraying of the liner at the sleeves where the Velcro on my shortie gloves has been snagging away at it.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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Alpinestars GP Plus R V3 £499.99

'The GP Plus is my flexible friend'



Tested by Carl Stevens for three years

For me, a leather jacket needs

3000 miles ON TEST

armour as standard, it needs to be comfortable and, of course, it needs to look good. The GP Plus R V3 not only delivers all three to a solid level but has held up very well, even though it's been used for thousands of miles in all weathers, over three years. AA-certified and packed with quality Nucleon armour on the shoulders and elbows, it really does feel like a protective, well put together jacket.

It's not restrictive thanks to the flexible stretch material, while everything from the soft edges on the low collar to the seams on the wrists feels plush and well thought out. Expensive, but it looks as good as it feels.

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

AAA rated and smart looking



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Armour and smart branding

Furygan Pro One leather jacket £399.99

'Protection with soft supple armour'



Tested by Dan Sutherland for one year

Although you do get an removable thermal lining, I have only been using the Pro One in the warmer riding seasons – accompanied by a pair of riding jeans and sporty race gloves.

At just under £400, it's one of the most expensive leather jackets I've ever used, but for that money you get a AAA safety rating and soft D30 armour in the shoulders and elbows that assist with the comfort.

The full-grain leather exterior feels soft to the touch, with the sturdy zips, external hard

shoulder armour, and quality seams giving you the confidence that it should stand up well in the event of a spill.

A back protector really should come as standard at this price point though, however, and I do sometimes find the collar rubs on my neck when riding, causing slight irritation.

Once zipped up and adjusted correctly, it feels snug and secure, but you'll need to be wearing something thin on your arms underneath, thanks to quite a tight fit once all the zips are closed.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.furygan.com



Robust and fits British blokes...

Rev'it! Hyperspeed 2 Pro £549.99

'Fits good and feels great too'



Tested by Chris Newbigging for 15 months

I'm firmly northern European in build, not Mediterranean waif, and the fit of this Netherlands-designed kit suits me far better than the big Italian brands. I rarely get the right shoulder width, arm length and, er, gut space, in the EU52 size I should wear, but this jacket gives me all three without going up a size and dealing with baggy bits. It has the robust, cocooning feel you'd want from a sports jacket, is just about long enough to wear with jeans (unless you have the back/leg ratio of a Dachshund), and it mates well with a set of Apex leather bottoms (£450) to make a sporty two-piece.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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Richa Toulon 2 Black Edition £329.99

'Cool looks but does get warm'



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for 14 months

The Richa Toulon 2 has the kind of understated looks that work both on and off the bike. I love the matt finish of the thick cowhide, which like a fine wine should only improve with age, and the detachable hood gives it a casual vibe. The tartan lining is a classy touch and together with the neoprene finished collar adds to a overall feeling of sumptuousness. Despite lacking the technical details of a race cut jacket, the Toulon 2 is as comfortable on a sportsbike as a naked or retro, but without any ventilation it can get a bit toasty in summer.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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