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You can work that satnav

Benefit from a cooling airflow

LS2 Feng £99.99

'Race protection for a fair price'



Tested by Emma Franklin for six months

Summer race gloves that pack plenty of protective features for a reasonable price. Rated to EN13594 Level 1, the main part of the glove is a mix of full goatskin and abrasion-resistant super-fabric, with cowhide on the palms.

There's also hard carbon-fibre knuckle armour, as well as a long, padded cuff, plus a wrist restraint. Unlike other race gloves I've used, the Fengs felt comfortable straight from the first ride, probably due to the fact that they strike a middle ground between thick, rigid race gloves and floppy, less structured garments. They feel reassuringly protective while also being comfortable too.

LS2 have included a touchscreen-compatible pad on the index finger so you can operate phones and satnavs.

The only downside is that on the first few wears they left black staining on my hands, although this diminished over time. At this price, though, they are going head-to-head with RST's brilliant Tractech Evo 4 which are similar in terms of spec – our advice is to try both on and see which fits the best.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.l2shelmets.com



Alpinestars SMX-2 Air Carbon V2 £89.99

'High spec but check the size'



Tested by Michael Guy for two months

Finding the right kit means achieving that perfect balance between protection, comfort and ventilation. The SMX-2 gloves do a good job of ticking those boxes thanks to mesh on the top of the three inside fingers as well as the outside of the thumb and the back of the hand. In terms of protection, they're fully loaded with leather fingers, a reinforced suede palm and carbon knuckle protection. In terms of comfort there's pre-curved fingers and an adjustable cuff.

They're touchscreen compatible with the thumb and index finger activating screens. I would advise trying them on before buying as I've found them to come up small. I consistently wear XL in all Alpinestars gloves, but these gloves in XL are uncomfortably small.

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

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Rain forecast? You'll be fine

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Rev'it! Cassini H2O Ladies gloves £89.99

'Ideal for the British summer'



Tested by Saffron Wilson for 15 months

Waterproof summer gloves can be tricky to find, but for those of us that live in the UK, the combination is somewhat of a must-have for our ever-changing weather. These Rev'it! Cassini gloves tick all the boxes, keeping my hands dry in summer showers during the near-5000 miles spent wearing them, and despite their many hours gripping the handlebars, the stitching is still perfect, the Velcro still neat, and they barely look worn.

Overall, £89.99 is a fair bit of money to

spend on a pair of summer gloves, yet despite their minimalist looks, they are Level 1 certified with armour in the knuckles, are comfortable to ride in, the touchscreen fingertips work, and the subtle design means they'll pair with any of your riding kit.

They're a great all-round summer glove – and even boast a Thinsulate layer to keep you warm when needed (although could do with being a touch more breathable on those proper hot days) but I think they'll last a good few British summers yet.

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



Roadskin Easyrider £49.99

'Stay cool and look cool too'



Tested by Robin Kirkley for three months

If you're looking for tough, stylish motorcycle gloves I recommend Roadskin's CE Level 1 KP Easyriders. Made from soft but robust cowhide leather, they've got well-placed mesh sections that are keeping my hands cool on hot summer rides.

These gloves feel like a natural extension of my hands, and the tips of the index fingers work well for touchscreen sensitivity. The knuckle armour is rock solid, and the military-grade palm pad material is designed to resist cuts and scrapes in the event of a spill. Nice to know. Like most leather gloves they're not waterproof, and sizing can be a pain if you've got short fingers like me.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
roadskin.co.uk

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Held Sambia 2-in-1 £176.95

'Go-to option'



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for one year and three months

Even after more than a year of regular use these short gloves are showing little sign of wear and are still my go-to option for most fair-weather trips. That's not to say I don't wear them when it's raining, as the Gore-Tex inner has kept my hands dry in all but the most torrential of conditions. The workmanship is second to none and that goes a long way to justifying the price, as does the use of quality materials – thick, but supple, perforated leather on the palms, stretch panels and CE 1 KP knuckle armour.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
shop.held.de

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