



Keis J505 Extreme jacket £240.00

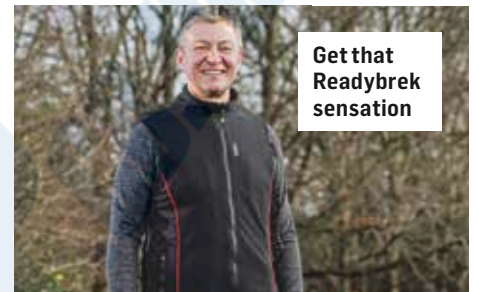
'Kit that goes to extremes'



Tested by Richard Newland for 22 months

In the depths of winter's icy embrace, nothing feels more pleasing than the J505's enveloping warmth. Simply select your preferred temperature from the three preset ranges (displayed as green, orange or red on the controller), and ride in comfort. I use the provided battery connection lead (or the 12v plug connection when hopping between bikes), and plug-in direct to the bike to power every ride without fear of running out of juice. Thousands of wet and dry miles haven't fazed it. The IP65 rated water-resistant heat controller has been faultless (it sticks out the bottom of your outer jacket to allow easy access); the heat coverage superb (even the collar is heated); and I love that it has leads to plug in your Keis gloves (and trousers). The only point to note is that it's about as bulky as a decent fleece, so you'll need a reasonably loose jacket – but you won't need your jacket's standard thermal liner. It's washable, breathable, and has an array of pockets, too.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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Get that Readybrek sensation

Keis B601RP Heated Bodywarmer £180

'Central heating on the go'



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for one year
If there's one

thing that makes me look forward to riding in winter, it's my Keis heated bodywarmer. With three levels of heating on tap, it keeps me cosy and comfortable down to sub-zero temperatures without having to wrap up in bulky layers that restrict movement. I tend to wear it over a base layer with winter textiles on top, using the thermal properties of the jacket's removable liner to trap the heat in. The medium and low settings are plenty most of the time, with the highest heat a welcome boost when needed. Power comes direct from the bike's electrics, although there is a battery option available.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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Weise Ion textile heated gloves £199.99

'Even better with a visor wipe'



Tested by Dan Sutherland for nine months

These were excellent during the harsh winter months of early 2024, and I've now dusted them off ready for another season of use.

With the weather getting noticeably colder, I also used them a couple of times during the autumn without the heated element – with their comfy quilted inner lining and seriously impressive waterproofing keeping my hands dry and warm during cooler downpours.

They are battery powered, meaning no faffing about with wires, and feature hard

knuckle armour, plus a soft interior. Simply plug the batteries into their pouches in the cuffs, press the 'on' button, and you're away.

I've very rarely had to go onto the highest of the three settings – especially when combined with heated grips – the gloves doing a perfectly decent job with the low and middle options and they hold enough charge to get me through my circa 50-mile commute. It would be nice to see some sturdier armour on the palm though, and a visor wipe on the finger would be a major benefit.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.weiseclothing.com



Merlin Minworth II £229.99

'A little bit of winter luxury'



Tested by Adam Oldfield for three months

Heated gloves are a welcome addition, taking the edge off the early commute, now that the mercury is dropping. First impressions, the gloves are plush and a premium piece of kit. Cleverly placed insulation where more is needed to stave off the wind, and less where you need to grip and feel, creates a tailored purposeful garment. The twin batteries only take a couple of hours to fully charge and tuck into a waterproof pocket in the cuff of each glove with a zip closure. They will last a full 3.5hr ride on full blast, gently warming your hands when used alone. Combine them with a hand guard or a set of muffs for even more warmth.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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Keis G601 Heated Gloves £210

'Keep my hands happy'



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for two years
My digits have

never been happier than when tucked up in these Keis gloves. They have a plush thermal lining that's warm even before you switch them on, and with protection certified to the higher CE level of 2KP they offer peace of mind. I've rarely had to use the highest setting, starting off on medium most of the time and dropping to low to maintain a comfortable level. After two years use, the waterproofing is still effective, but they can benefit from a little extra help where touch screens are concerned – I've used some stick-on pads to solve this.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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