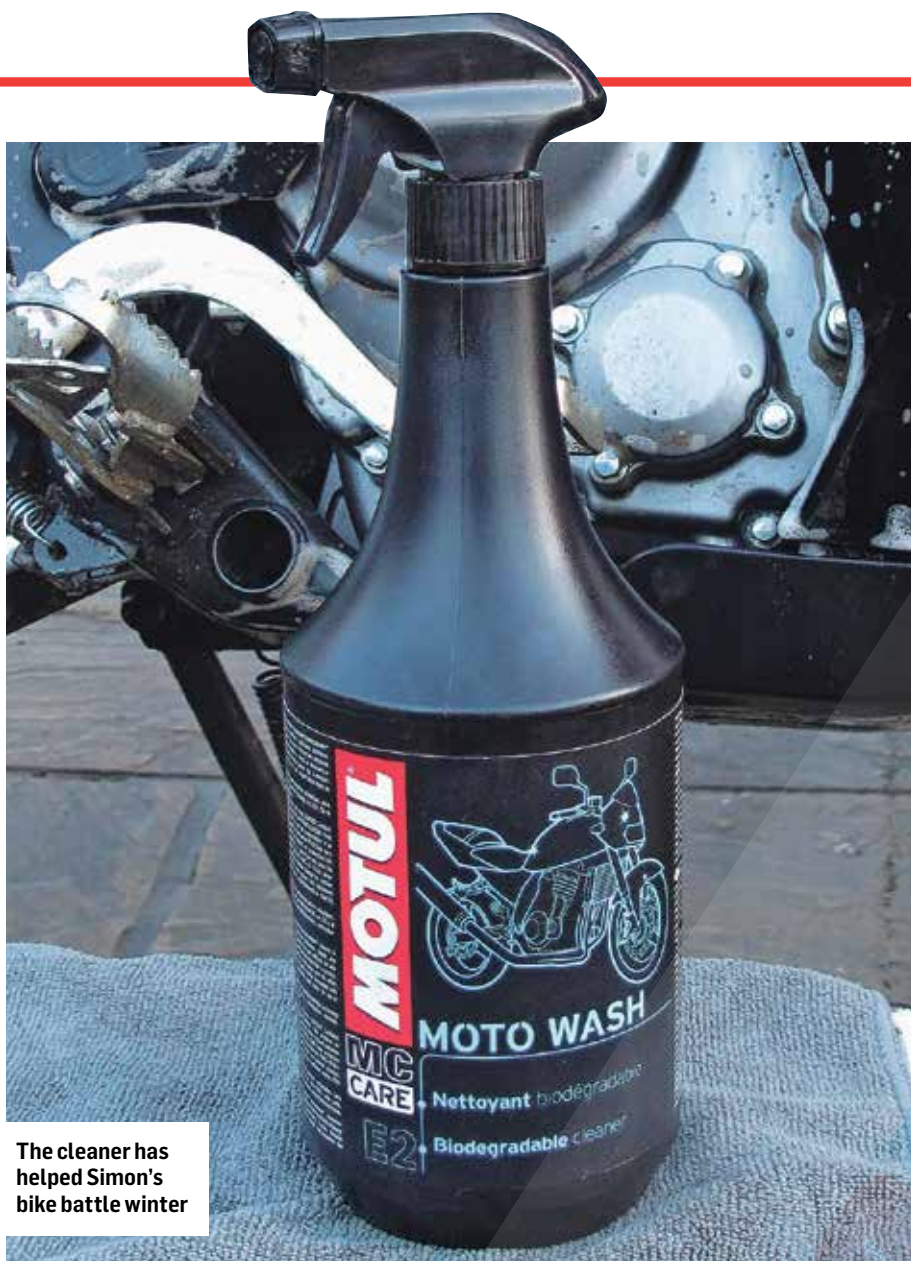




The cleaner has helped Simon's bike battle winter

Motul MC Care E2 Moto Wash (1 litre) £10.99

'It's been doing the job well'

Tested by Simon Relph for four months



This time of year, it is so important to keep your bike free from all the salt being thrown about by councils. To keep my Honda CRF300

from looking like it's been dredged up from the Titanic, I have been giving it a regular clean with Motul Moto Wash, and so far, it's been doing the job well. Like most modern cleaners it is applied liberally to a wet bike, after it's had a good hose-off with water to soften the crud. The instructions suggest rubbing the worst areas with a sponge; with a spoked wheel trail bike, I find a soft, wide paintbrush does the job well when it comes to getting into nooks and crannies. The cleaner works well on all surfaces, removing dirt, grease, and road grime. It is biodegradable (over 28 days), so is kind to the environment, too.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
Motul.com

PROS & CONS

- + Easy to use in an ergonomic container
- You can soon get through a litre this time of year



S100 Total Cleaner+ (1 litre) £14.99

'It's the king of bike cleaners'

Tested by Emma Franklin for 10 years



For me, it's the ultimate bike cleaner. The bottle of thick yellow gel has previously gone under the name of SDoc100 Power Gel but is now marketed as S100 Total Cleaner+, but essentially it's the same pH neutral, corrosion-inhibiting, degreasing formula. The secret is in its stickiness – spray it on and the gel clings to surfaces and, once left for the required

15 minutes, it effectively breaks down and loosens all that hard-to-shift crud, like chain lube and flies. After a light going over with a brush, all you need to do is rinse it clean. It really does work. Plus, the formula has added properties that both help the bike dry with a streak-free finish and also protect against UV damage. On the downside, it is expensive and I get through a litre in about three washes.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.motohaus.com



Pro Green MX (1 litre) £8

'Less elbow grease'

Tester Saffron Wilson for two months



Pro Green MX Bike Wash was made for motocross so it's ideal for blasting mud off your bike, or just giving it a good clean. The formula is free from harsh chemicals and salt, and is biodegradable, which means that it shouldn't damage your bike's surfaces or the planet and is even suitable to use on riding kit. I liked the lack of elbow grease required. I followed the instructions and left the product to work on a damp bike, then pressure-washed it off. I was pleased with the result (albeit on a non-muddy bike), but I did use a lot in one wash. I teamed it with Drivetrain Cleaner and After Shine.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
motoverde.com

MCN 5004 R5K READERS' TOP FIVE WATERPROOF TEXTILE JACKETS



1 Halvarssons Walkyr £499

Paired with the Halvarssons Wish trousers, it's a superb bit of kit! The Outlast liner works surprisingly well down to sub-zero and the laminate dries fast. I'd recommend it to everyone. Calum Moss, Glasgow

Klim Carlsbad £599.99

I've had Gore-Tex kit before and always worn an over-layer to stop the jacket from wetting out. With the Klim kit I just get on with my day. Worth every penny. Luke O'Mahony, Cork



2 Oxford Mondial £249.99-£269.99

Absolutely superb for the price. I wear it for both my commute and for work as a part-time DAS instructor and it's perfect. Paul Williams, Morden



3 Rev'it Poseidon 2 GTX £699.99

Light and warm and you're not going to know it was raining. Pricey, but I think you get what you pay for with this kind of stuff. Peter Fehily, Lichfield



4 Richa Infinity 2 Pro £329.99

It's laminated and the water just runs off. It kept me bone dry in some heavy rain when friends were soaked. A quality bit of kit. David Forbes, Liverpool



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