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Not cheap, but comfortable and well made

Racer Multi Top 2 £135

'Stylish, supple and sporty but a bit spendy!'



Tested by Gareth Evans for five months/2500 miles

These waterproof leather touring gloves look great, fit well and are made from top-notch materials that go some way towards accounting for the premium price. They offer a simple yet extremely comfortable solution for mega mile-munching.

When I first tried these gloves I was instantly impressed. Right from the outset they were the comfiest I'd ever tried. Plus the liner is soft and never bunches.

Venting is excellent; my hands only starting to stick to the liner when the heat crept up above 35°C. Conversely, they're also very well insulated, particularly when you take into account the thin and lightweight construction.

They're a sporty glove, too. The white contrasts nicely with the black, and there's carbon-fibre protection on the knuckles.

The Multi Top 2 is at the pricey end of the non-Gore-Tex glove market, particularly since they only have the KP1 rating with no visor wipe or touchscreen-ready fingertips, although the kangaroo leather palm is a nice premium touch compared to rivals.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.bikerheadz.co.uk



Klim Dakar £40 (RRP £50)

'I'd buy another pair in a heartbeat'



Tested by Steve Herbert-Mattick for five years

I bought these in 2018 when I started riding off-road and pound-for-pound they're the best bit of riding kit I've used. Soft, supple and very well aerated mesh fabric combined with synthetic suede palm and fingers gives superb comfort, grip and feel.

They're hard-wearing enough to have withstood over 2000 dirt miles, and have enough protection (even more so on the latest version) to ensure that I escaped any sort of serious injury despite multiple tumbles.

The only damage is a small pull in the fabric where I got tangled up in a thorn bush. Touch screen-compatible fingertips mean I can use my satnav with them on, and the hook and loop wrist closure is as strong now as it was on day one. And all for £50, less if you shop around. I'd buy another pair in a heartbeat.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.sportsbikeshop.co.uk

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Perfect for around town commuting. They're heated, too

1282 miles ON TEST

Tucano Urbano 2G Hydroscud gloves £139.99

'Good value for shorter urban rides'



Tested by Saffron Wilson for 19 months/1280 miles

Made for urban or scooter-commuters and cyclists, these lightweight gloves are also approved for motorcycle use.

For just over £139 you get a pair of heated gloves. That's a fair price, especially if you're only going to be using them in lighter weathers rather than in the depths of the cold months.

They are Level 1 CE rated, with an extra protection plate over the scaphoid zone. There isn't any knuckle or finger armour and they are very lightweight for winter gloves which is

great for ease of use, but makes you wonder whether they'd be enough in a spill.

For short runs around town these gloves will suit well, and the battery life should be more than enough (12v cable available separately to plug into the bike).

But for motorway miles in the depths of winter you may want to invest in a pair of gloves that are more robust and better suited to extreme weather, especially as I've discovered that the water-resistant fabric doesn't stand up to proper rain.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.tucanourbano.com



Alpinestars Morph Sport gloves £120

'Comfy, but need more protection at this price'



Tested by Carl Stevens for six months/5000 miles

I love wearing short-cuff summer gloves. Not only are they the most comfortable things to slide on and off when it's hot, they also offer unrivalled breathability.

The Morph Sport gloves from Alpinestars offer comfort and breathability in abundance, thanks to clever new tech. A-stars call it their MorphTech Weave and RIDEKNIT technology, a flexible material that is really comfortable.

After 1000s of miles and six washes they still perform perfectly. The only downside is that even though they feel like they offer a solid level of protection, they're only CE certified to Level 1, which is disappointing considering the cost.

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

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Oxford Rockdale Men's Glove £59.99
'Great for on and off-road riding'

Tested by Simon Relph for five months/1500 miles

These gloves are light and airy while still being strong and robust, so just the job for road riding with a bit of off-road thrown in. They are made from leather with mesh in key areas to keep your hands cool, with extra leather protection panels on the palms and thumbs.

There is additional CE protection in the form of an injection moulded flexible knuckle guard, with three, individual finger knuckle mini guards. Light and comfortable with decent levels of protection.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com

