

Spada Blizzard 2 WP gloves £34.99

Tester Andy Calton
Time tested Three months/2000 miles
What's good? A glove for under £35 that claims to be waterproof and actually is! I started using these as a back-up pair for my preferred, thinner summer gloves and they have been called into use many times as the British weather does its thing! They are a great halfway house between full-on, fat winter gloves and summer gear. They are warm and the visor wipe works well. I read a few reviews about

well. They were a little snug to begin with, but they have given a bit and I'm glad I went for a size down from my usual choice. I've only really worn them this summer so they have not had to keep me toasty on cold days, but so far I really can't complain.
What's not? They pack away small, but I would worry that protection is limited as there is only 'soft' armour and I'd also be concerned about using these for any length of the time when the temperatures drop towards freezing. They can also get a bit sticky to get on and off in the wet. They only come in black, but for the money, there's a lot to like.

Contact www.spadaclotting.co.uk

Quality ★★★★★★

Value ★★★★★★



No hard armour, but they beat the UK weather

Oxford AquaD X3 Packing Cubes £24.99

Tester Alison Silcox
Time tested Two months/2000 miles
What's good? I'd not realised how cumbersome my topbox would be to carry once off the bike. Being able to pack my gear in these bags and lift them from the topbox on arrival at my destination, leaving the box on the bike, makes life much easier. These colourful bags come in three handy sizes (five, seven and 12 litres) and they're unstructured, which makes them easy to pack and very squashable. They'd also be great to use in soft panniers or a tank/tailpack. They have a roll top and clip closure, which, provided its closed properly, keeps them waterproof.

What's not? The plug on my phone charger has worn small holes in one of the bags so it's no longer waterproof.

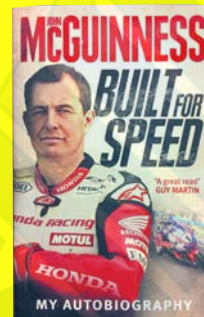
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