



Loud but not that tough

3 months ON TEST

REAPP Disc Lock £32.99

'A cheap route to an alarm'



Tested by Ben Clarke for three months

You've probably not heard of Reapp – and nor had I until recently – but the deals on their disc locks are hard to ignore, especially in Amazon sale events. At full price, the Reapp costs £32.99 and for that money you'd go for a brand you've heard of – but it's regularly on offer for as little as £23.99, which can make it look tempting. The first thing you notice is that it is worryingly light. The whole top casing is made of thin metal and is hollow apart from the alarm circuitry. The bottom section is made from solid metal but with such a cheap and scratchy finish that I initially thought it was made of plastic. The alarm is genuinely ear-splitting; high-pitched, very loud and attention-grabbing. If you have a good-quality disc lock without an alarm then the Reapp is a good additional layer (and it's better than nothing at all) but if you have the budget there are better-quality options out there.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
amazon.co.uk



Supple gear for warm rides

Oxford Henlow gloves £39.99

'Short and sweet'



Tested by Alison Silcox for nine months

Shortie gloves are a great addition to any riding wardrobe and these stylish leather gloves from Oxford have been worn near daily through the summer. Made from soft, supple goat skin, with a suede overlay the proved to be comfortable from first wear.

The Henlow have a moulded knuckle protector that fits without digging in, and the finger length is ample for my less-than-delicate Fen shovels I call hands!

Retro-styled and lacking any thermal or waterproof protection, they've been worn throughout the spring and summer riding seasons. Their short design means there's no bulk around my wrist and they butt up to the cuff of my riding jackets.

There's a small amount of elastic on the wrist combined with a Velcro closure. Pre-curved fingers are long and the external stitching means there are no seams digging in.

These are most definitely a warm day pair of gloves, but they're not trying to be anything other, so I can't criticise them for that. There's a suede overlay on the palm, along with touchscreen sensitive fingers.

What's not to like about this simple design? Plain leather with minimal detailing suits me, they sit well with both leather and textile jackets, plus I like the small, engraved metal stud detail on the cuff closure.

Top notch quality, the leather's supple, the touchscreen sensitive finger are a great addition, and after a few thousand miles they are showing no signs of wear and tear. They have moulded knuckle protection that's rated to CE Level 1 but that's about it. That said, it's what you'd expect from a shortie glove and similar to other gloves in the same genre.

At £39.99 these are a great value pair of gloves, they're good quality and wearing well. Longer cuffs always add more protection, but that is a choice you make.

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

2000 miles ON TEST



Just take it off before you go to the bank...

Oxford Deluxe Balaclava £17.99

'Keeps my long hair in check'



Tested by Phil Clarke for eight months

I always ride with a balaclava, and this year I've enlisted Oxford's Deluxe Balaclava to keep my long fringe out of my face. It comes available in silk, micro fibre, micro fleece, and Merino wool variants, out of which I opted for the Merino. It does stop odours quite effectively – not a single wash yet, and there's no foul smells emanating from it. It is a bit thick though, especially at the seams – I always find a nice imprint on my forehead after wearing it. But, that thickness provides good warmth. Construction is OK; some disconcerting snapping sounds have been heard when stretching it over my size L head, but there's no visible damage.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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2700 miles ON TEST



Touchscreen fingertips

3500 miles ON TEST

Cool styling and comfy

Bering Snap gloves £99.99

'Sporty protection but subtle looks'



Tested by Charlotte King for five months

These gloves from French brand Bering appealed to me for their sporty, but subtle, styling, and from the first wear have been extremely comfortable, allowing free movement and great feel for the bike's controls.

The perforated leather allows for good airflow, which is great in warm weather, but they don't retain heat when it's chillier.

The gloves are CE approved and the rigid

knuckle protection is not intrusive or restricting in any way and the long cuff with double adjustment makes the Berings easy to pull on over your jacket sleeves and to tighten to a nice secure fit.

Smartphone-friendly fingertips work most of the time, even on devices with a screen protector. I've worn these gloves for quite a few miles now, and they have yet to show any signs of wear and tear.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
bering-moto.com