



VENTING

If you ride with the fingers on the levers you'll notice good venting.



Touchscreen fingertip. Worked on an iPhone



Perforations on the fingers boost venting

BEST FOR VENTING

6 Richa Protect Summer 2 £79.99

'Lightweight and flexible gloves'

www.nevis.uk.com

A development of the Protect Summer 1 (there is also a Winter version), the Richas feel very lightweight.

The base is constructed in goatskin leather, with textile material on the back of the thumb and on the sides of the fingers and what feels like neoprene at the cuff.

The knuckle armour is hard carbon fibre but there is little padding beneath it and little more over the rest of the glove - minimal soft padding on three fingers and a second layer of leather on the heel of the palm. There is

a nappa leather insert across the palm for grip on the bike and perforations on the fingers and back of the hand.

In use, they fitted very nicely, if slightly on the snug side, and are very flexible. Comfort is reasonable but I found the seams holding the nappa leather to the inside of the thumbs to be quite annoying on the bike's bars.

Feel for the bike's controls is nice, thanks to thin leather, but confidence is lacking due to the lightweight nature and apparent lack of protection other than on the knuckles.

Airflow with the hand closed around the grips was minimal, but with the fingers resting on the brake and clutch levers it was significant, suggesting the material used on the sides of the fingers gives the most. The touchscreen fingertips worked fine on an iPhone.



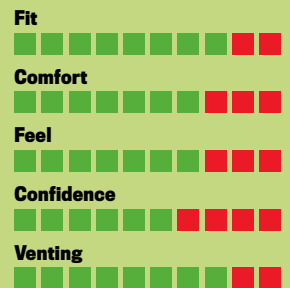
▲ Hard knuckle armour. Little else

'Nice gloves, but they don't breed confidence'

VERDICT

Very nice, but as they are lightweight and lack protection they may be better suited to slower or shorter rides.

THE SCORES



Total 36/50

THE FACTS

- Materials** Goatskin, nappa leather
- Knuckle armour** Hard carbon/TPU
- Protection** Padding fingers x3
- Ventilation** Perforations, material
- Cuff** Short
- CE rating** 1 KP
- Weight (pair)** 133g
- Touchscreen compatible?** ✓
- Sizes** XS-3XL