

THE MCN SHOWCASE

FULL-FACE CRASH HELMETS

MCN staffers put the latest lids to the test in all conditions

- Helmet fit and comfort rated
- Design, construction and CE scores rated
- Each helmet worn in all conditions



Breath deflector lends it a sporty look



3000
miles
ON TEST

Shark Spartan RS £299.99

'Commuter with attitude'



Tested by Dan Sutherland for seven months

Shark's Spartan RS road-focused touring lid has been perfect for all-weather commuting and comfortable cruising across the second half of 2022 and into the winter.

Passing the latest ECE 22.06 standards, it blends the looks of Shark's track-ready £629.99 Race R Pro Carbon with distance comfort, a generous field of vision, and practicality. Meanwhile a set of posh suede-effect padding means no nasty irritations when taking it on and off (note that the pads aren't quick-release).

There's also a drop-down sun shield and a Pinlock anti-mist insert. Although the drop-down can detract from the sporty looks, it does cover almost all of your visible face – with minimal intrusion from the sunlight – all controlled by a catch on the top.

The glossy finish is impressive, with a

number of chunky vents that are easy to operate using a gloved hand. The adjustment for the chin can be found on the outside of the lid, which is handy for quick bursts of air.

Unlike some other touring lids, you get a double D-ring fastener which I find more comfortable than other types, plus a chin curtain and nose piece for a sportier look.

Add in the optional tinted black visor and you'd mistake it for one of their track-ready designs, with an ACU Gold sticker meaning it can also be used on your next trackday.

Better still, with ear plugs it's perfectly quiet and for a taste of the 1990s I have equipped it with the optional light purple iridium visor, which adds an additional lick of colour to an otherwise fairly humdrum paint scheme (brighter ones are available).

Priced at £79.99, the visor's not cheap, but it is homologated for day and night-time use – meaning you can use it without need to carry a spare visor. That said, it offers little to no

sunshine blocking and I have experienced some bubbling between the Pinlock insert and the visor itself. This could well be error on my part though during fitment, though.

Regardless of which visor you go for, swapping them out is nice and easy. Simply flick out the tear-shaped fastener on either side and pull the visor out with minimal fuss.

It's genuinely a very hard product to fault. At 1530g, it's not the lightest helmet I've tried but it doesn't cause any fatigue.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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PROS & CONS

- + Sleek, sporty design combined with distance comfort
- Optional iridium visors have minimal impact in sunlight

Comfortable interior for long days on the road



Sporty styling and decent build quality, too