



Spidi TX-T CE Lady gloves
£94.99

‘Warm and waterproof’

Tested by Saffron Wilson for 12 months/3300 miles



I tend to have an issue with women's gloves not fitting my long fingers properly, but these have proved it is possible to find a comfortable pair. The stretch fabric provides a snug fit, while also giving abrasion resistance. This is backed up by the CE KP1 rating. There is padding on the back, the side, and the palm as well as along the fingers. Plus there is protection in the form of a variable-density polyurethane shield on the knuckles.

The only small niggle is that they're not quite warm enough for those sub-zero days, although not many gloves are. But, for most chilly days where you actually want to go out riding, the 100g polar fleece lining is enough to keep you relatively warm.

There is a leather patch at the top of the index finger which does work on a touchscreen, but you have to prod the phone at an awkward angle, which can be difficult if you're checking the satnav quickly.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.spidi.com



Alpinestars Equinox Outdry gloves **£116.99**

‘Waterproof and safe too’

Tested by Michael Guy for 18 months



My current bike has heated grips and in everything but the deepest darkest winter months I find the Alpinestars Equinox are a great option. First up, they're really lightweight meaning you have plenty of control. They provide excellent protection with many features you'd expect from a high-level summer race glove, with knuckle armour and reinforced palm and a bridge on the two outer fingers to stop hyper extension in the event of a crash.

I used these gloves on an epic trip around Iceland where they gave me enough control to ride off-road with confidence whilst proving to be warm enough (with heated grips) and completely waterproof.

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



T.Ur G-Zero glove **£106.55**

‘My fingers still went numb’

Tested by Emma Franklin for six months/2000 miles



As the name implies, these four-finger winter gloves have been designed for extreme cold conditions, and I must admit, I got pretty excited when I first saw them. As a fan of the old-school Hein Gericke Pathans, I know how digit-pleasingly toasty a 'lobster-claw' style glove can be. Plus, the G-Zeros also feature a super soft and very luxurious Thermore fleece inner, which simply Velcros in and out (so can also be used as off-bike gloves too). These factors,

combined with additional windproof padding across the backs of the hands, should result in a very warm glove, or so you'd think. Despite their bulk, the G-Zeros are not as warm as I expected, and I find that long rides in sub 5° temps (without heated grips or handguards) leave me with numb fingers.

On the plus side, however, the HDry waterproof/breathable membrane bonded to the inside of the outer glove has kept hands dry in downpours, even though the material itself does become saturated in time.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.t-ur.com



DXR Brookite Waterproof Gloves **£39.99**

‘Well worth a punt’

Tested by Simon Brown for six months /500 miles



More spring/autumn wear than full-on depths of winter, unless your bike is fitted with heated grips, but just look at that price... Construction is goatskin leather and they have a waterproof membrane, clearly you aren't going to get the latest Gore-Tex for such a modest outlay, but they have been up to the job when I have been caught in sudden showers. There is a visor wipe too, which is a welcome addition on any glove. Comfort is fine; they felt a tiny bit on the tight side at first (I went for medium) but they soon wore in and I have been wearing them on my naked Ducati for autumn rides now conditions are becoming more chilly. They fasten securely enough with wrist and cuff Velcro and I don't find they compromise feel for the controls since they aren't excessively bulky. If you are after a pair of value gloves, these are well worth a punt.

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



RST Paragon 6 Heated Gloves **£199.99**

‘Wireless warmth’

Tested by Justin Hayzelden for two years/2950 miles



Heated kit is a game-changer and these RST gloves have made winter riding a breeze. Power comes from individual battery packs housed in the cuff, so no wires to worry about, and I've found a full charge lasts three-to-four hours – enough for commuting or most rideouts at this time of year. Three levels of effective warmth are accessed by a button on the back of each hand, which also indicates the setting by glowing an appropriate colour. The lowest is enough to keep the chills away and provides the longest duration. So far they've proved perfectly waterproof and I love the fact that there's a visor wipe on both index fingers. They work on touchscreens, too.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.rst-moto.com