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 MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT
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2500 miles ON TEST

AGV's K6 S is difficult to fault



Spoiler with exhaust vents for a decent airflow

AGV K6 S £429

'The best helmet I've tested'



Tested by Gareth Evans for six months

The AGV K6 S is the firm's all-rounder, and in that capacity I've been hugely impressed by its capabilities, having worn it for several day-long rides in all conditions. I'd buy one in a heartbeat; particularly given there's a healthy discount available at many major retailers.

AGV claim it's the lightest road riding helmet on sale, which is a big part of its appeal. The smallest shell apparently tips the scales at 1255g, although I weighed my large one at 1365g, but that's still pretty lithe.

I try to caveat all helmet reviews with the knowledge that different lids fit different heads, but for me AGV is The One. I find the K6 S a joy to use, with low-friction linings that also offer loads of support and moisture-wicking. I don't have any pressure points to complain about either.

The visor is one of the K6 S's party tricks:

it's fantastic. First and foremost it features 190 degrees of vision, which means you've got considerable access to things happening in your peripheral. This makes riding safer. It also has a tall visor aperture with 85 degrees of vision, meaning no matter whether you're riding an upright adventure bike or a sporty superbike, it'll suit the riding position.

It doesn't have a drop-down sun visor; AGV have another solution: their optional Photocromic adaptive visor (£135) is a self-tinting solution that I'm planning to test soon, so keep an eye out for an update.

Either visor works with the Pinlock 120XLT anti-fog insert that comes as standard, and the metal mechanism makes visor removal pleasingly simple.

This lid has five vents on the front: two on the chin and three on the forehead. These all exhaust through the single wide rear vent, and the result is an impressively functional and highly adjustable system. Being picky, the

vents can be difficult to use with winter gloves on, but that just means you need to close the vents before you set off. The visor has a micro-opening feature for extra airflow.

In terms of rivals, competition in this area of the market is fierce, with plenty of great options earning five stars in MCN's testing including the brilliant Arai Quantic, Shoei NXR2 and Shark Spartan GT Pro. I think the AGV is top of the class. In short, it's the best helmet I've tested to date.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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PROS & CONS

- +** Lightweight, four shell sizes, comfortable and practical design
- It's a bit pricey and the self-tinting visor is extra

The AGV's double D-ring strap is both secure and comfortable



Liner is supportive and extremely welcoming