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Radical looks but a great field of vision

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Decent ventilation and the visor seals perfectly



HJC F70 'Spielberg' £329.99

'Excellent sports-touring lid'



Tested by Emma Franklin for six months

The F70 is a premium sports-touring lid with a drop-down internal sun visor all packaged in a slightly edgy-looking street-fighter style fibreglass shell.

All-day comfy, the F70 is one of those fit-and-forget kind of helmets for me, as there are no discernible pressure points even after many hours of wear. The Supercool interior is plush and has retained its shape after six months' use, remaining quite a snug, secure fit. For those who don't like their cheeks being squeezed so much, thinner pads are available at an extra cost. I also found the fabric of the interior padding itself is a little harsh against the skin, feeling a little more like that of a sports helmet than a touring lid. That said, it does work well at wicking away moisture, and I remained comfortable on the hottest days.

The visor is excellent, providing a super-

broad field of view both laterally and vertically. There's a Pinlock anti-fog insert included in the box and when installed this means that the visor remains fog-free. There's an impressive seal, too, ensuring that no draughts or rain find their way inside. The mechanism is very smooth to use, plus the simple push-to-lock system works very well, especially as there are a pair of visor opening tabs (one on each side), which makes it a cinch to unlock and lift.

Weirdly, there isn't a quick-release system on the visor (it requires a screwdriver) but as the F70's fitted with a drop-down internal sun visor, there's no need to regularly swap visors as you won't ever need to fit a tinted shield.

The drop-down sun visor itself provides good coverage, and the anti-mist treatment works well. The mechanism is located at the lower left-hand side meaning that it's very discrete. Raising and lowering it couldn't be simpler, although you do need to push past a

locking notch to prevent the visor from moving when you don't want it to.

There are four, two-stage toggleable vents on the front of the lid – two on the top and two at the chin – as well as two permanently open exhausts at the rear. The vents flow air through channels in the EPS from the front of the lid to the exhausts at the rear, taking heat and moisture along with it. All in all, the F70 is an excellent sports-touring lid that's well made and packs plenty of features.

Quality ★★★★★ **Value** ★★★★★
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PROS & CONS

- + Well made, reassuring, comfy and quiet
- That streetfighter styling could be a little divisive

Two-stage adjustable vents are a breeze to operate on the move



Double D-ring strap makes for perfect adjustment