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MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT

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750 MILES



Shoei NXR2 From £429.99

'One of the best helmets I've tried'

Tested by Simon Brown for 750 miles, six weeks



What a bloody lovely helmet – in 25 years of riding it is one of the nicest I have tried.

Comfortable from the word go, Shoei's new NXR2 is one of the few on the market to meet the new and more stringent ECE22.06 standard. Get on the road and there is very little not to love, with a wide aperture offering a cinematic field of vision and very little in the way of wind noise. Shoei say they have improved the cheek and ear padding and revised the seal around the visor, and it's paid off. Stability at motorway speeds is spot on (I have been wearing the helmet on my naked Ducati) and it is light at 1450g. Swapping the visor is stress free, as

is removing the lining for cleaning. In an emergency there are tabs medics can use to release the lining. In terms of ventilation, there are intakes on the chin, forehead and either side of the head. Open them all and the breeze will keep you happy on hot days. If you don't fancy white there are colours and a range of graphics, although you'll need to be prepared to pay that bit more.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.shoeiassured.co.uk

PROS & CONS

- +** Meets new standard, comfortable, stable
- Graphics versions are over £500



Double D-ring strap, plush lining and it meets 22.06



Spidi X-Force CE gloves RRP £119.99

'Comfortable and 100% waterproof'

Tested by Gareth Evans over 1500 miles



These gloves prove protective riding gear doesn't have to be awkward. They're not cheap for a short-cuff design, but they're by far the easiest to use that I've tried, thanks to one simple feature: the elasticated, Velcro-fastened cuff is attached to the YKK zip, meaning I'm able to secure them in one movement rather than two. Another time-saving trick is the capacitive fingertip, so I can operate my phone's touchscreen. In fact, there aren't too many times you do have to remove them during normal riding. I've got used to operating the D-ring on my lid without trouble. The goat leather chassis feels comfortable on my hands and the knuckle protection is solid, while I've found them 100% waterproof, only getting chilly when the mercury drops below 7°C. They're tested to EN13594:2015 KP 1 standard, which means they're CE rated with a basic pass and impact protection for the knuckles.

1500 MILES

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

R&G Glean Silicone Shine £9.16

Tested by Dan Sutherland, two bikes, two washes

I may have only used this Silicone Shine a few times after washing my bikes, but I'm impressed. Simply shake the can well, apply generously and buff off with a microfibre. Said to be safe on all components, I've used it on gloss and matt surfaces, and both have come up trumps. It will also wipe away mild spots of muck you may have missed with the sponge. The finish is streak-free.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

www.rg-racing.com

