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Good looks, nice features and it's comfortable, too



LS2 Challenger CT2 Drone Yellow Carbon helmet £330

SIX MONTHS

'Comfortable, breathable and cool'

Tested by Saffron Wilson for 4197 miles / 6 months



The Challenger has taken me through three seasons – summer, autumn and winter – and in that time I've discovered it's a quality bit of kit. The lid meets the ECE 22.05 standard and fastens via a double D-ring and reinforced chin strap. Add to that the carbon-fibre outer shell and multi-density internal EPS and it certainly gives peace of mind on the ride. I installed a Sena 10C EVO comms system and, as you'd expect from equipment from two different manufacturers, the fit wasn't perfect, but was perfectly usable. The only issue I had was after a few miles the cheek pads started to poke out, revealing untidy sewn edges as

a result, but it was purely superficial. The comfort was high overall, and I had no complaints over long rides. During the winter I did find there was more of a breeze than I'd hoped despite having the vents shut. The 'A Class' polycarbonate visor keeps the view of the road crystal clear, and the integral sun-visor is handy but can fog up on cold days.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
ls2helmets.com

PROS & CONS

- +** Looks great and has fantastic features
- Some of the finish became untidy



Some stitches on display but it's purely superficial



RST Rucksack £39.99

'Can't see how it gets better than this'

Tested by Gareth Evans for 3000 miles / six months



For one reason or another I've been through three bags quite recently and this unassuming item from RST is by far the best of the bunch. For me and my lifestyle, it's perfectly-sized, seriously comfortable, and practical. The 42.5-litre capacity features a laptop pocket, while a trio of zipped smaller pockets hold stuff like disc locks or earplugs. But it's the thick, highly adjustable chest and waist straps and breathable back protection that make this bag a joy to use. Plus, it's taken a battering over the last six months and remains in perfect nick. For the money, I can't see how luggage gets any better than this.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

www.rst-moto.com

3000 MILES

Enduristan Hurricane 15 Rucksack £151.59

Tested by Laura Thomson for 9000 miles / two years

Constructed from a multi-layer welded-seam fabric, the Hurricane 15 is durable, and waterproof. The zip is the most hardwearing of any I've used, although that does mean it can be hard to operate – Enduristan supply it with a tube of silicon grease. On the go, padded straps keep it snug against your body, while the narrow design doesn't impede movement. Pricy, but good.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
enduristan.co.uk

