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It's spot on for sporty riding



'Wheels' on the visor mechanism are a bit strange

2000 miles ON TEST

LS2 Thunder Carbon £439.99 (Supra)

# 'Amazing visibility, but a bit noisy'



**Tested by Dan Sutherland for four months**

I've been using this LS2 Thunder Carbon since the start of spring, wearing it on my commute, weekend rides, and a couple of trackdays. It's the first LS2 I've used, but it's been a wonderful introduction – providing a versatile, stable, and sporty design that's practical and comfortable over distance, with superb visibility when tucked in behind the screen.

Weighing in at 1280g, it's homologated to ECE 22.06 and comes with an ACU gold sticker for on-track duties. Despite being carbon fibre, prices start at just £399.99 for plain black – making it cheaper than the likes of the £669.99 Arai RX-7V, or £699.99 Shoei XSPR-Pro, which are also designed to keep your bonce intact on a circuit.

There are multiple vents that can be easily operated in race gloves, a double-D ring fastener, and a simple visor mechanism that's

far easier to use than that exterior wheel design would have you believe. Looking like some kind of micro hubcap stuck on each side, it's my least favourite design feature.

Also welcome is the chin curtain, which I've left in place during the summer as it's done an excellent job of keeping the pollen away from my hay fever-riddled face and vastly improved my summertime riding experience.

It's also not got too hot and sweaty, with the visor locking in securely with an audible click when you're on the move. With the vents open, you can really feel the difference – especially around the forehead – with refreshing channels of cooling air.

Over distance, it's been comfortable for much of the time, occasionally letting the side down with pressure to the top right side of my head, but never enough to cause me to stop.

Less welcome is the wind noise, which is a noticeable problem at road speeds, even with ear plugs. It's not overly distracting, you're just

aware of the noise, and I'd say it's one of the louder track-orientated lids I've sampled.

Away from the noise though, it feels stable and composed on your head, never rattling round, or buffeting at pace – helped by the sleek looking aero spoiler at the rear.

Visibility is excellent, too thanks to the wide visor aperture. Tuck in on track and there's no issue with seeing what's ahead, with plenty of peripheral vision on the road, too. A Pinlock 120 MaxVision insert keeps things fog-free.

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

- + **Visibility, quality of finish, stability at speed**
- **Wind noise, visor mechanism styling**

**Plush lining keeps it comfortable for miles on the road or track**



Vents work well and are easy to operate