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Drop-down visor keeps the sun at bay

1600 miles ON TEST



Micrometric fastening is quick and easy



MT Braker SV £119.99

# Low budget, high performance



**Tested by Justin Hayzelden for six months**

MT may not be a household name, but they've been manufacturing lids in Spain for over 55 years. In fact, their FIM homologated helmet has graced the bonce of none other than MotoGP rider Pedro Acosta while racking up World Championships in both Moto2 and 3. This £120 Braker SV isn't the flagship model (that's currently the £275 KRE+), but as a budget sports-touring buy it's proved itself a seriously strong contender for a podium.

Fit is bob-on and there's more than enough padding to prevent pressure points, without sacrificing a close and reassuring fit. Although the removable lining doesn't have the sumptuous plushness of a top-end product, for a day-to-day lid it gives little to complain about. If there is a downside, it's the lack of sufficient provision for spectacle arms, which could cause discomfort if you wear chunky

frames. On the move the Braker feels light with a neutral weight bias, making it perfectly comfortable for commuting, touring or long days in the saddle. The sporty shape and spoiler keep it stable at speed, and I've yet to encounter any sensation of turbulence.

The main visor has two lifting tabs, meaning you can operate it with either hand, and moves between each detent without any stiffness or twisting. When fully closed it sandwiches the weather seal sufficiently to prevent moisture ingress, even in heavy rain. Removal is as simple as pressing a large button on either side and it pops off – line it up again and it clicks right back in. Although it's Pinlock prepared, MT don't supply an insert in the box, so I've been relying on the chin vent for de-misting. It works, and only in particularly high humidity or on very cold mornings have I felt the need for additional anti-fog products.

Despite the fact that the Braker only has two ventilation intakes on the top, airflow is

effective. The EPS has deep channels that direct air across the top of the head to twin exhaust ports beneath the rear spoiler, and you can literally feel the wind in your hair.

Overall, the MT Braker is a well put together helmet, but if I'm going to be picky, I'd say some components lack a quality feel. That shouldn't come as a great surprise considering the price, but it should also be noted that I haven't actually managed to break any yet and it scores five stars in SHARP testing.

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

- + Build quality is excellent for the price, it's not short on features
- The moving parts feel a bit flimsy. Not much room for specs

Visor changes are a rapid job and the mechanism ratchets nicely



Effective vents and the visor seal is spot on