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Roll-top keeps the water out

Moto Detail rucksack
£58.45

‘Keeps my kit dry on the commute’



Tested by Charlotte King for four months

I needed a waterproof rucksack for carrying my work laptop to the office without the fear of ruining it in a rain shower. The Moto Detail backpack fits the bill with the roll-down top and plenty of space for everything I need to take with me for a day in the office, including a change of clothes and shoes. The smaller external pocket is ideal for smaller bits like my disc lock and keycard. The straps are highly adjustable with chest and waist straps to help take the weight from your shoulders and the back has comfort mesh padding. The only thing that is missing from this bag for me, is an internal pocket to divide my laptop from the rest of my stuff.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
louis-moto.co.uk



Stretchy with Level 1 armour

Bull-it Heron £174.99

‘Tough as a bull’



Tested by Emma Franklin for eight months

These single-layer AA women's protective jeans combine style with security and comfort. Made from Covec denim, the Herons pack that all-important all-day comfort thanks to a flattering and comfortable fit and a slight stretch quality to the fabric. This style is also available in three different fits, Slim, Straight and Easy, as well as three different leg lengths. I chose the Straight leg which is generous enough to allow for ankle-length boots but a bit too narrow to accommodate traditional riding boots beneath, for that I think Easy fit would be a better choice. Waist sizing is spot on, although those with very long legs may find the longest leg length not long enough (I'm a 31in inside leg and the Long length fitted me perfectly). Like all Bull-it jeans they come equipped with armour at the knees and hips. Made by British firm Re Zro, the armour provides Level 1 CE protection at just a 6mm thickness and is biodegradable/recyclable too. The only niggle is that due to its thinness, the armour sometimes folds back on itself as you're putting the jeans on. The knee armour can also be height adjusted via two internal slots in the pockets to allow you to get the protector in just the right position. For quality, value and peace of mind, these jeans make a worthwhile investment.

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‘A flattering and comfortable fit’

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.bull-it.com



They'll make your rides warmer for a decent price

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Oxford Calgary 2.0 gloves £59.99

‘Warm, but not always comfortable’



Tested by Phil Clarke for eight months

Winter gloves are a staple in any biker's wardrobe, and the Oxford Calgaries have been my garment of choice over this year's colder months. Once sized correctly (I needed to go up one size from usual), they've proven to be dependable cold-weather mitts.

While some bulk is to be expected, they're a bit too thick for me to be comfortable for more than half an hour in the saddle. Their warmth is reasonable though, staving off numb fingers for that same half-hour even in

bitter cold weather. The CE Level 1 KP rating is good to see; some rival gloves meet the higher CE ratings but you can't quibble too much when they are under £60.

The affordable price made me wonder about the waterproofing qualities too, but thankfully, the Dry2Dry waterproofing actually works, keeping water out even in torrential downpours. While not perfect, Oxford's Calgary gloves offer decent warmth at a reasonable price; a good choice for shorter rides, if you can tolerate the bulk.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com



Multi-layer thermal goodness

Rukka Lady Aldrich jacket £139.99

‘Like a warm, cosy fleece blanket’



Tested by Saffron Wilson for 18 months

I'm one of those people who is cold more often than I am warm, so I was in need of a mid-layer that could keep me cosy. Rukka are at the premium end of the market and have made their name by producing high-quality riding kit, and although this jacket isn't CE rated and therefore isn't protective riding gear, its quality and usefulness has made it an essential part of my riding wardrobe and beyond. You'll often see me wandering around in this without my bike on chillier days. It's got three layers of knitted fleece along with a windproof membrane which complements an outer riding jacket keeping you all the toastier.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
bikerheadz.co.uk

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