



2000 miles ON TEST

Armour is held in place

Casual looks but they pass at CE AAA level

Knox Shield Jogging Bottoms £279.99

'Biking joggers? Yes, really...'



Tested by Carl Stevens for six months

A cosy set of tracksuit bottoms are ace for lounging about in, but thanks to Knox, you can now get a set to ride in too. These are the very first single-layer joggers that are CE approved to the very highest level of AAA. Even so, they are exceptionally comfortable and incredibly light, with the feel of a true set of trackies, thanks to the ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene fibres, which are mixed with elastane and cotton. There's knee protection as standard which is easily accessible via a little pocket, which is handy as it can move around a little if they are thrown about in cupboard, or in a bag. I've been wearing these for six months, and on warmer days I've been taking these over my riding jeans for those shorter journeys, thanks to just how soft and comfortable they are, even after multiple washes the elastic is still spot on. They're expensive, but bloody good and I've got the matching Shield hoodie, which will be reviewed in the February 5 issue of MCN.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.planet-knox.com



BOA fastening is pure genius

Fox Defend ADV £274.99

'Comfortable and versatile boots'



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for four months

My first rideout in these Defend boots was up in the hills around Lake Como, tackling dirt roads and gravel tracks, and it's fair to say that I was barely aware they were on my feet, the comfort is that good, straight out of the box.

Protective D30 inserts in the tongue and around the ankle, combined with firmly cushioned padding elsewhere, mean they hug your foot in all the right places and give a reassuring feeling of made-to-measure comfort.

A big part of that all-enveloping sensation is the BOA closure system, which uses ultra-fine wires and a rotating ratchet to draw the upper together evenly and secure it snugly.

As well as riding off road, I've completed a 1000+ mile tarmac day without any issues. The gear lever pad is sturdily reinforced, with repeated clutchless upshifts failing to put any kind of dent in my big toe. I even spent a day marching from stand to stand at Motorcycle Live, which is a tough test for any footwear, and they proved to be as comfortable as any pair of walking boots.

Build quality is superb and the double-rowed stitching shows a fine attention to detail. Despite being covered in mud and filth on numerous occasions, they always clean up well and have few signs of wear thanks to strategically placed reinforcement panels to soak up scuffs.

So far they've kept my feet perfectly dry, which is no doubt due to the genuine Gore-Tex membrane. I've ridden in torrential rain wearing a textile jacket and denim jeans (don't ask, I got caught out!) and my socks were the only undergarment that didn't end up becoming soaked through.

I'm a big fan of shorter boots for day-to-day riding, and the Defend have become a firm favourite of mine for commuting as I can wear them all day in the office too. The ease of use of the BOA system makes getting them off or on a breeze, and I really like the secure feeling it gives when fully fastened.

As adventure touring boots, which is what they're intended for, the Defends are outstanding performers, providing the practicality for exploring off the beaten track, whether on the bike or off it.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
foxracing.co.uk

5100 miles ON TEST



The £6 cloth should be good for 1000 wipes

600 miles ON TEST

AB Mask Anti-Fog Cloth £6

'No more misted-up spectacles'



Tested by Robin Kirkley for two months

I had a big problem with my glasses misting up inside my helmet. I've tried sprays, cleaners and other methods but nothing worked perfectly until I tried this AB Mask cloth. The first time I used it I just followed the instructions, and, as if by magic, it worked. Not a spec of mist for the whole day in the saddle. I also wear my glasses off the bike so the anti-fog coating will naturally get cleaned off

between rides, but since the cloth is reusable up to 1000 times I see it as good value. It applies a transparent micro-thin coating of an anti-fog formula that prevents the water droplets in condensation from clustering and forming into a dense mist on my glasses. I also use this cloth on the drop-down shaded visor in my helmet. It is now an essential part of my kit in cold or rainy weather, and that annoying fog is definitely not missed.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
the-body-doctor.com



Every move you make...

Ring Floodlight Cam Wired Plus £179.99

'All-seeing eye'



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for four months

This little gargoyle sits atop my shed, keeping watch for intruders and letting me know instantly via a phone app should anyone approach, regardless of where I am. I already have a Ring doorbell as a first line of defence, so decided to upgrade to the Floodlight Cam Wired Plus as an extra level of security and to guide me in on dark nights. For the peace of mind it brings I think it offers exceptional value for money, even when you factor in the annual subscription of £79.99. This covers every device you have at a given location and saves 180 days of video history. They're often discounted on Amazon, so it's worth keeping an eye out if you're looking to invest in one.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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