

## THE MCN SHOWCASE

# ALL-WEATHER TEXTILE GEAR

Practical and versatile kit that'll keep you happy come rain or shine

- Fit, features and comfort rated
- Design, construction and CE scores rated
- Ridden in all weather conditions

2250 miles ON TEST

Women's version but the colours are subtle

Choice of leg lengths for a perfect fit

Cuffs can be worn either over or under your gloves

Oxford Mondial 2.0 Jacket and Pants **£299.99 & £249.99**

## 'Great fit and comfort'



### Tested by Alison Silcox for three months

I was impressed by the first-gen Mondial, so jumped at the chance to try the updated version. It now has CE Level 2 armour and increased adjustability. Like the original, it's a waterproof, laminate suit and good value.

Sizing is spot on. At 5ft 10in, with an inside leg measuring 33in I often struggle to get trousers that are long enough, and usually end up wearing unisex garments. These trousers are female-specific and available in three lengths. Sleeve length is great, too.

Little touches make a big difference and I like the Velcro adjusters at the waist and on the arms. There's an option to have the collar zipped and popped shut or, if like me, you can't deal with zippers being fully up at the neck, there's a hook and loop system to pin it back.

I am less keen on the braces, they're well made and attach directly to the trousers but

when a lady needs to use certain facilities, braces are inconvenient.

I like the wide, adjustable cuffs which mean gloves can fit either under or over the cuff. Zipped, mesh sections on both the trousers and jackets aren't quite cooling enough on warmer days. Airflow would be improved if they were slightly larger.

Subtle coral and silver detailing shows an element of femininity but without falling into the trap of making everything pink. The jacket is tailored to fit the female form and there are short zips at the hip, to ensure a good fit.

The Mondial kit has the (lowest) CE A rating and is fitted with CE Level 2 armour at the shoulders, elbows and knees. There are pockets for hip armour and a back protector, but it's a shame that these aren't supplied.

Seams and zips feel very sturdy and the zip pulls are solid. The kit's been fully waterproof, even in torrential downpours. I undertook a little test with the pockets, to check they

didn't get wet... leaving fuel receipts in the pockets is always a good way to see if they leak, and they didn't.

On a recent trip to the continent I lived in the kit for a week and it was incredibly comfortable and withstood 'normal' rain conditions. However, I got caught in Storm Babet and rode for three hours in a torrential deluge, both trousers and jacket leaked, substantially. In honesty, I don't think any kit could have withstood the onslaught.

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

- + Great value, sizing accurate, pockets stay dry in bad weather
- Ventilation could be better, let water in during torrential storm

The vents are useful but they could be more generous for hot days

You can hook the collar fastener out of the way