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MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT

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THREE MONTHS

RST Tractech Evo 4 gloves £89.99

'Comfortable, warm, but stain your hands'

Tested by Dan Sutherland, 1300 miles, three months

So far I've done around 1100 miles on the road in these RSTs, plus two days on track and I've been impressed. There's CE Level 2 carbon knuckles, fused outer fingers to help prevent injury in a slide, Kevlar lining throughout and they are warm enough on rides above 10°C which makes them perfect for those first early morning trackday sessions. They're all-day comfortable despite their sporting nature and the double fastening system and long cuff allows you to secure them comfortably and tightly over leathers. I've also managed to squeeze them inside the sleeves of my textile jacket.

Overall, I'm more than happy, that

said, the stitching around the palm could be neater, with plenty of untidy loose threads protruding out and spoiling the overall appearance. What's more, when your hands sweat, the inside of the glove can leave your mitts covered in a black residue – a bit like when you wear a new pair of jeans. It's easy to wash off but isn't ideal.

Value ★★★★★

Quality ★★★★★

www.rst-moto.com

PROS & CONS

- + Comfy, protective and fairly warm
- Loose threads and hands get stained black



Nice gloves but let down by the odd detail



Bull-it Covert Evo Black Straight Jeans £179.99

'Tough, but too toasty at times'

Tested by Gareth Evans for 1000 miles



The minute I unpacked these jeans they felt well made. The stretchy fabric is heavy and beautifully stitched, while the YKK zip offers reassuringly solid security.

They have CE 1621 protection for your hip and knee, and the denim has a reduced thermal conductivity to reduce friction burns. Thankfully I didn't manage to test that, but I found that these jeans' sheer weight does make your legs rather warm on a summer's day. On a few occasions I've worn thermals and sweatily regretted it within a few hours; in traffic on a hot bike it can get pretty toasty. However, the trade-off is their durability (they remain as-new at time of writing) and they'll handle a reasonable squall without letting the rain in. My only other comment was in sizing: I found these jeans almost too long at 34 regular, and I'm six feet tall. Make sure you try before you spend all that money.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★

www.bull-it.com

1000 MILES

Muc-Off Metal Polish 100ml £10.00

Tested by Simon Relp for eight months

This works on most metals, but where it really shines (yep, I know) is on quality chrome. It's fairly effortless; literally wipe the polish over the area, rubbing it in as you go, then go back over it with a clean cloth leaving a bright shiny surface. Just as an experiment I tried it on some old rust-tarnished chrome, but due to the fact this is such a fine polish it was unable to cut through compared to a grittier paste type product.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

www.muc-off.com

