

Flip-up for summer

Flip-front helmets have come



AGV Compact Course, £189.99

The Italian company has high hopes for its newest flip-front, which has a subtle paintscheme that integrates with the shell shape and the chinbar, which opens and lifts with one thumb. There's an internal sun visor and the helmet is tested as both a full-face with the chinbar down and an open-face with it raised and locked. It has a micrometric strap system.



Sizes: XS-XL **Colours:** Fluro yellow, white/red, white/blue, white/grey. **Actual weight:** 1829g (XS)
Contact: www.agv.co.uk

Caberg Duke, £144.99-£179.99

The sharply-styled flip from Italian firm Caberg has an internal sun visor, the lining is removable and the Duke is tested as both a full-face with the chinbar down and as an open-facer with the chinbar locked in the raised position. The strap has a micrometric buckle and there are vents at the chin and top of the head. A separate Bluetooth comms kit is available.



Sizes: XS-XL **Colours:** Black, matt black, white, grey, Italian graphic, hi-viz, black/white, black/orange, black/fluro and white/black. **Actual weight:** 1557g (M) **Contact:** www.cabergcares.co.uk

MT Flux, £89.99

The cheapest helmet here is a basic effort, but it has all the essential specification of most helmets here, with chin and top vents, a dropdown sun visor, micrometric click-type buckle strap fastener and a chinbar that can be lifted with the press of one button. The lining is also removable. A near-identical helmet is available from Nitro (the F342), for £20 more.



Sizes: XS-XXXL **Colours:** White, black, matt black, anthracite and hi-viz yellow. **Actual weight:** 1769g (M)
Contact: www.tri-motive.com

Ducchini D605, £99.99

Fans of bells and whistles should look elsewhere, but for essential function at a low price, the sub-£100 Ducchini does the job. It's well vented, the removable lining is soft to the touch, there are vents at the chin and top of the shell to keep the rider cool, and an internal sun visor. The strap secures with a micrometric buckle and the shell design tapers at the back.



Sizes: XS-2XL **Colours available:** White, grey, black. **Actual weight:** 1853g (XS)
Contact: www.thekeycollection.co.uk



Scorpion EXO-910, £199.99

Here's another solution to the open-face/full-face dilemma – the flip-front with a removable chinbar. It's a sleek effort that lifts with one button, but pull down spring-mounted levers on each side of the shell and the chinbar and visor come away. There's an internal sun visor, micrometric strap and a removable lining that can be tightened with pump-up air cheekpads.



Sizes: XS-XXXL **Colours:** Matt black, gloss black, white and neon yellow. **Actual weight:** 1785g (S)
Contact: www.tranam.co.uk

Premier Thesis, £99.99

The mean and moody looking Thesis is clearly aimed at streetfighter-style riders with its aggressive shape, highly contoured design around the rear of the shell and large grille-covered chin vent. There are also two top vents, and the de-rigueur internal sun visor, micrometric fastener and removable lining. The flip on this new-for-2014 lid is operated single-handed, with one button.



Sizes: XS-XL **Colours:** Matt black, gloss white. **Actual weight:** 1760g (L)
Contact: www.dpc-distribution.co.uk

Nolan N104 EVO, £269.99

Italian firm Nolan has years of experience in the flip-front market and it shows with the N104, which is a decent mid-priced helmet with a plush removable lining, channels for an optional comms system and a smooth-operating internal sun visor. It comes with a Pinlock-equipped anti-mist visor, micrometric fastener and tight neck curtain for noise reduction.



Sizes: XXS-3XL **Colours:** Hi-viz yellow, grey, white, black. **Actual weight:** 1799g (XS)
Contact: www.motogear.co.uk

Lazer Pure Glass, £299.99-£399.99

No need for an internal sun visor as it comes with a light-reactive visor. That reduces weight and the Pure Glass is one of the lightest here (and a £399.99 Carbon version is lighter still). That's just one plus in a good spec that includes a Pinlock-equipped visor for anti-mist, chin and top vents, single-hand chinbar lifting and channels for an optional comms system.



Sizes: XXS-XXL **Colours:** White, black, white/black/neon, black/fluro and carbon/white **Actual weight:** 1547g (XXS)
Contact: www.lazerhelmets.com