

ARMR Moto Aramid Shirt
£99.99

www.tri-motive.com

A HUNDRED QUID well spent if you like the lumberjack look popular in cafe/custom/retro circles but don't want to take unnecessary risks. It's made of an aramid material that offers a level of abrasion resistance and comes with CE-approved armour in the elbows and shoulders (and I've been wearing mine with the optional back protector). It's not warm on cold days and won't keep you dry, but is nicely done for this type of thing. **CO**



TCX Infinity Evo Gore-Tex
£279.99

www.nevis.uk.com

THE ORIGINAL TCX Infinity boot won a RiDE Best Buy triangle and this Evo model performs to an equally high level (but costs £100 more). It's stiffer and more supportive than a standard touring boot but more forgiving and flexible than a full-on motocross boot, so it's still supremely comfortable to walk and ride in. There's chunky armour in the shin, heel and toe, with a sturdy non-slip sole. It seals with a large Velcro flap and two buckles, the Gore-Tex liner keeping feet faultlessly dry in some dismal downpours. A very good boot. **SIMON WEIR**

HJC R-PHA 11 £329.99

www.oxfordproducts.com

ALL THE UPGRADES and improvements HJC have made to their new R-PHA 11 may not be instantly noticeable but a good fondle of the helmet against my previous R-PHA 10 Plus, a check of the specs and some miles on the road soon reveal that some serious work has gone into its design.

HJC listened to feedback from racers and tweaked the R-PHA 11 to make this a real racing helmet, but it's comfortable for everyday riding too.

There have been changes to the composite used in the shell, which make it very light - everyone who's checked out the helmet comments on how light it feels. The visor aperture has been enlarged so there's a wider field of vision and I've seen the difference it makes, as it has made glances over my shoulder much easier.

The visor has a neat locking button on it, easily operated with gloves on, and I'm confident it'll stop the visor lifting at



▼ **New vents and larger visor aperture are noticeably better than the old model**



▲ **Visor-change mechanism is easier to use and feels more secure than on the old R-PHA 10**

speed. I'm already in the habit of locking it each time I put the helmet on. The visor removal system, and in particular the reattachment, is definitely easier and more certain than the one on my previous HJC, and the supplied anti-fog insert has performed perfectly so far.

The ventilation benefits from the redesigned intakes and exhausts directing air over the top of the head well, something I can certainly feel with the vents fully open. I'm grateful that

airflow is well managed as none is directed into my eyes making my mascara run! Not something every user will suffer from, but it makes a big difference to me.

The R-PHA 11 has emergency services-friendly removable cheek pads which are well marked. It's a top-spec helmet but the price makes it a very attractive option against other makes and models, which can be considerably more expensive. **CAROLINE BARRETT**