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MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT
★★★★★

3000 MILES

RST TracTech Evo 3 boots £129.99

'A great-value starter boot for summer fun'

Tested by Ben Clarke for eight months/3000 miles

These sporty summer boots from RST are priced at the budget end of the market and it shows if you wear them back-to-back (foot-to-foot?) with a more premium pair. But in isolation, there's not an awful lot wrong with them, especially if you are a newer rider. There are, of course, even cheaper options out there but in my opinion none are as stylish as the RSTs for the money. What's more, the Evo 3 manages the higher CE level 2 rating for abrasion and impact resistance, dropping to the minimum 1 standard for transverse rigidity. Not bad at this price. The ventilation is also top-notch and your feet stay nice and cool on the move in even the hottest

conditions. Where the boots could be improved is in the support they offer. Unlike some other sports or track boots, there is no way to tighten them up – they're just done up or undone – and this leaves them feeling a bit baggy and welly-esque. They also feel a little flimsy on the footpegs, leaving you to wonder how well they'd cope if your foot became tangled in a crash.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.rst-moto.com

PROS & CONS

- +** Great ventilation, good abrasion and impact rating
- Lack of adjustment to get the snugger fit possible



Hinged protection and decent CE scores too



Milwaukee Cordless Tyre Inflator £77

'Saves all that goofing around'

Tested by Bruce Dunn for 12 months

This is one of the best things I've bought in a while, as it means no more goofing around with footpumps or airlines. This Milwaukee product is tough and robust with excellent design features, such as having rubber-mounted dampers on its legs so it doesn't rattle when in use. The screw-on valve adaptor is much more secure and easier to use than the clip-on type, and there's a selection of other adaptors for different applications. You can preset the desired pressures, and it cuts off when it gets there. I initially used the M12 2amp battery, but this wasn't really powerful enough, so ended up purchasing a pattern 6amp option (£15.99) which is brilliant. The inflator can be bought with charger and a battery from £165.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.screwfix.com

12 MONTHS

RST Pro Waterproofs £79.99 jkt/£49.99 trs

Tested by Justin Hayzelden for 18 months / 4000 miles

The mesh lining makes it a doddle to don at the roadside, even over boots. It also allows air to circulate inside, preventing that grim boil-in-the-bag sensation. The outer shell is tough and does exactly what it's designed to do, with drawstring, zip and Velcro closures ensuring that you stay dry. Neat features include a through-the-legs 'parachute strap' and an expanding pocket for race humps. It packs down into separate small pouches which are easy to stow, and the hi-viz colour can only be a boon when visibility is limited.

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