



Scott Prospect Light Sensitive Goggles £110

'I really can see the light'



Tested by Michael Guy for four years
With a love of adventure and off-road riding I've used plenty

of different goggles over the years and the latest generation seem to be getting better and better. These Scott goggles are no exception and have become an excellent addition to any off-road riding I do. I use these goggles a lot and they've handled a fair bit of abuse, ranging from being hit by stones from the rear tyre of riders in front as well as the odd detour through a bramble bush. Unlike some goggles, which feel cheap and slightly throw-away, these are well built and high quality. I find the fit excellent, meaning they are very comfortable and the thick elastic strap ensures they stay where they are put. The everyday versatility of the product is further enhanced for trail or adventure rides by the light-sensitive lens which reacts quickly and means I've been able to use them in bright sun through to nighttime. The only criticisms are that even with no light the lens never goes completely clear and you're left with a slight tint. They also come at a premium price.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.scott-sports.com



4 years ON TEST

Clear in shade, shady in sun

Great fit, sturdy and comfy too

Spada Lancer leather jacket £349.99

'I feel properly protected'



Tested by Emma Franklin for 1500 miles

AAA-rated women's bike gear is rare. The cynic in me might suggest that this is reflective of kit manufacturers' perceptions of how women ride, but in reality it comes down to ergonomics and demand. Protection always comes at a price and that cost is weight, fit and flexibility. Many of us opt for kit that feels light and comfortable and perhaps offers slightly less protection than a heavy garment that protects more.

Which is why the AAA-rated Lancer feels so reassuringly robust. Made from thick, full-grain cowhide, the Lancer comes with a full complement of highest-rated Level 2 soft armour at the shoulders, elbows and back. As soon as you pick it up, it exudes an air of high quality and protection – this is a proper biker jacket. At 3.2kg (including armour) it's over a 1kg heavier than one of my AA-rated leather jackets from a rival brand. With its combination of thick leather and quilted fixed internal liner, it feels highly structured and a little unyielding, however time and wear have made it gradually more supple.

It's a beautifully made jacket packed with fashion-focused details such as a detachable faux fur collar



Stylish women's kit that's also AAA-rated? That's a definite win

and cuffs, plus a waist belt (both of which I've opted to remove for practicality reasons) which means you could deploy this jacket for a night out simply by whipping out the armour (which is very straightforward to do via the internal Velcro pockets).

On the subject of pockets, the Lancer has plenty; two external which are operated via chunky YKK zips; two capacious internal pouches, plus an internal napoleon pocket with a press-stud closure.

I love an AAA-rated leather jacket for the feeling of reassurance it gives me, although I'll concede, I wouldn't choose to wear the Lancer on a warm day. Despite perforations along the insides of the arms, the weight and thickness means it is best kept for cooler rides.

Also, Spada's TetraHex armour, although light by traditional Level 2 standards, is still bulky and I found the back both the back protector and elbow armour especially rigid.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.spadaclothing.com

6 months ON TEST

Tucano Urbano R036 Termoscud £128

Tucano yourself in



Tested by Tommy Begley for 2450 miles
Now it might not be the sexiest piece of kit in

the world and certainly reminds me of a delivery rider or two I've seen, but this riding blanket has been fantastic. The instructions were initially a bit baffling, and due to a missing screw or two on my 2005 Silverwing I had to employ a zip-tie here and there but took me no longer than 30 minutes to fit. After snaking my body in between the blanket and saddle I was away, and although it may look a bit cumbersome, it blends into the background of a ride right up until you need to stop. Which can be a slightly more challenging affair than without



Cozy cruising no matter the weather

3 months ON TEST

the thing on, but not so much that I ever thought to take it off. The thing is so cosy, it keeps my legs and lower torso (with the help of a neck strap) bone dry and breeze free, as well as taking the lion's share of road spray.

Some backwash of air does tend to blow in behind my legs, so I have found that my feet still get chilly on long cold rides.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.tucanourbano.com

Motul Insect Remover £9.95

Bye bye bugs



Tested by Charlotte King for two dirty washes

Riding in summer, or as soon as we get a little bit of sunshine means lots of dead bugs splattered across the front end of your bike. They are a nightmare to clean off usually requiring lots of soaking and scrubbing. I used the Motul Insect Cleaner and was pleasantly surprised by how effective it was.

The front of my Ducati Monster test bike was covered in bugs and all it took was a few squirts of the magic solution, a minute or so's wait then they wiped straight off with a microfibre cloth. There was no overpowering or offensive smell and it's a huge time and effort saving throughout the summer months.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.motul.com



One month ON TEST

Banish those bug splats fast