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Richa Bodyguard £79.99

‘Quirky but comfy and ideal for summer’



**Tested by Ali Silcox
for three months**

These gloves aren't my usual style; they look a bit Robocop.

That aside, I've been genuinely pleased by the fit and comfort, whether on a short commute or a 400-mile day. The plain black textile suits a subdued style, while the build quality is top notch. I've worn them

for over 3000 miles, there's no sign of wear and the touchscreen fingertips still work perfectly. The boa-style adjuster 'knob' might make you smirk, but it's impressively effective and shows no sign of wear, despite my early scepticism. Protection is solid for a CE Level 1 glove, the hard knuckle protectors are well placed, and there's good palm and finger coverage. My only

real concern is the robustness of the adjuster knob in a crash. All told, these are a reliable, comfortable three-season glove with a few quirks that I've grown to appreciate for their ease of use and practicality. Price wise, they're on the money and if you're after a short glove for summer riding, these are a good option.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.nevis.uk.com

**AGV adaptive
visor £135**

‘Impressive but expensive’



**Tested by Gareth Evans
for four months**

I've made no bones about the fact that I adore my AGV K6 S, having spent many thousands of miles with it, but fitting this clever visor has been the upgrade I never knew I needed.

In a nutshell, the visor's lens adapts to changes in light intensity, which means it gradually auto-tints when you emerge into bright sunlight. It allows your eyes time to adjust, meaning less dazzle and more safety because you can see more of the road ahead.

It'll tint all the way to 80%, completely automatically, when faced with the brightest of sunny days, and we've had more than a few of those this year.

Far less fiddly
than shades



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Furthermore, it took seconds to fit using AGV's normal visor attachment tech and comes ready for a Pinlock 120XLT anti-fog lens.

However, it costs a decent percentage of the cost of the whole helmet, and the final footnote here is a big one: it's not technically legal to

use this visor on the road. Yes, it's safer, but it doesn't pass ECE standards, despite added focus on visor rules in the 22.06 update. A sensible policeperson is likely to ignore it, but still: track use only.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.agv.com

**Oxford Spartan
women's jacket
(£99.99) and
trouser (£79.99)**



Single A-rating but very affordable



**Tested by
Saffron Wilson
for 1700 miles**

Along with insurance, petrol, tax, security etc motorcyclists also have to fork out for kit to go riding. That means owning a motorcycle can be costly, especially with rising prices.

Oxford are a uniquely British brand in that they have a range of affordable options as well as more premium examples, meaning that everyone can partake in motorcycling regardless of the depth of their wallet.

This Spartan suit (also available for men) is an example of a cost-friendly piece of gear which will protect you more than a pair of Levis or that waterproof jacket you bought at a festival six years ago.

Dubbed an 'entry level jacket' it has a waterproof liner, reflective details and can withstand a light shower without difficulty. Bear in mind, it's a hundred quid, so you will get damp if you're out in the elements for too long or suffer a heavy rainstorm, but I'd recommend packing a waterproof over suit

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regardless of what you're wearing.

It's CE A-rated, which is the minimum safety standard for motorcycle riding. But it comes equipped with elbow, shoulder and knee armour, and there are additional pockets to add a back protector and hip protectors.

Compared with other textile suits, this is a lot lighter making it very comfortable on and off the bike. It also means that it's OK in warmer temperatures making it worth a look as a summer suit.

But if you are susceptible to a chill in the air, then I'd recommend getting a size up and layering up with jumpers and base layers. It's worth noting that there is a zip at the back of the jacket and trousers to keep them together and to stop that annoying gust of wind you get around your kidneys on the open road.

Other features include decent sized pockets on the outside – two on the front and there is a smaller one for essentials on the inside. There is just one pocket in the trousers, and all are secured by Velcro.

MCN rating ★★★★★
Oxfordproducts.com

Stay cool in the
summer heat

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Zerofit IceSkin base layer £59.95

‘Cooling that really works!’



**Tested by
Emma Franklin
for 800 miles**

Nothing short of a revelation during this stinking-hot summer. From the moment you put it on, the delicate ultra-thin stretch fabric literally gives a cooling sensation on your skin, which amplifies as soon as air starts moving over it. I've worn it beneath both textile and leather

jackets, and it's massively reduced how much my skin sweats – further helped by the Rhombus Mesh Design on the back which boosts airflow, particularly beneficial beneath a back protector. Dries quickly and feels comfy against the skin, with the only gripe being that my back protector has rubbed on the fabric at the rear. Fit runs a little small.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.zerofit.co.uk