



Loop Quiet 2 earplugs £19.95

Love your lugholes...



Tested by Charlotte King for six months

I always ride with earplugs because I don't want to risk my hearing, but I do find that some work better than others.

I went for Loop's Quiet model over their less attenuating Experience version as I err on the side of caution where my health is concerned. The Quiets offer a 24dB noise reduction whereas the Experience is only designed to block 17dB.

They cut the wind noise out really well, while still allowing just enough traffic noise through so that you don't feel disconnected from the world around you. This is even true with an intercom playing my music at full blast at the same time.

Having worn them for almost every ride in the last six months, ranging from several hours in the saddle without stopping, to much shorter blasts, they have been so comfortable that I genuinely forget I'm even wearing them.

They come in a handy little carry case that you can attach to your keys to prevent you losing or forgetting them, and the four interchangeable tip sizes allow you to get the perfect fit, so it's easy to get a complete seal for your ear shape and size.

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.loopearplugs.com



4000 miles ON TEST

Carry case keeps them safe

Bull'it Heron women's jeans £174.99

Great do-it-all denim strides



Tested by Emma Franklin for 18 months/ 8000 miles

These single-layer protective riding jeans are certified to the middle CE rating (AA) for abrasion and burst strength, making them ideal for everyday, all-round riding. Thanks to their superior fit and comfort, they've become my go-to choice ride after ride. I keep coming back to the Heron jeans because they are supremely comfortable and look great.

The blend of high-quality denim, 10% abrasion-resistant Covec, and 2% Spandex creates a perfect combination of durability, reassurance, and a flattering fit. The slim-line ReZro Level-1 armour inserts at the knees and hips are thoughtfully designed for unobtrusive protection. That said, as with most knee armour in slim-fitting trousers, I do find that the pressure against my knees can cause some irritation in a bent-leg position during longer rides, particularly on sportsbikes. However, these are the only riding jeans I haven't ended up removing the hip protectors from – something I'm almost ashamed to admit, as most hip armour tends to



Great fit and comfortable armour

be bulky and uncomfortable, especially on sportsbikes. At just 6mm thick, the ReZro hip inserts fitted to Bull'it's range are so unobtrusive you can almost forget they're there.

As for the cut, the Heron is extremely flattering and provides adequate coverage of my lower back while riding. The wide

18 months ON TEST

waistband also enhances comfort. Waist sizing is true to size; I wear my usual UK size 10. However, I did need the longest leg length, when I'd normally choose a

regular. The size guide states the long-leg version suits heights of 180-195cm, but at 167cm with a 31-inch inside leg, I'm not particularly long-limbed – so taller riders may find them a bit short.

It's also great that the Heron comes in three different styles: straight (which I have), slim, and easy fit. I can just about fit shin-length riding boots under the straight leg style, but the easy fit would be a better choice for bulkier boots.

After thousands of miles and numerous machine washes, the Herons still look as good as new.

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.bull-it.com

MPW Race Dept front wheel chock £46

Secure fit and very handy



Tested by Dan Sutherland for one year on two motorcycles

I use this wheel chock mainly to support my CBR600F track bike, which isn't fitted with a sidestand. I'll often roll the wheel in for additional support alongside a paddock stand in the garage, and I'll take it with me to trackdays.

For £46, I think this is a very well made bit of kit. At 7.6kg, it has a reassuring chunkiness about it, with decent rubber grips on each leg and a first assembly that took a matter of seconds to complete.

It comes with a pre-drilled hole on each leg to bolt it to the floor – although I've chosen not to do this,



ONE YEAR ON TEST

Perfect for Dan's trackday bike

and there are size adjusters to accommodate 17in to 21in wheel designs.

The only thing I would recommend not doing is rolling a hot/sticky front tyre into the clamp, as it then tends to stick to the metal surrounding it –

meaning you'll need a second person to help prise the wheel back out – leaving rubber streaks down the inside of steel clasps.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.motorcyclepartswarehouse.co.uk

Give that wet weather a good old kicking...

600 miles ON TEST



Oxford Rainseal overboots £26.99

Stylish? No. Effective? Oh yes



Tested by Robin Kirkley for one month

Heavy rain was forecast on a recent ride up north so I purchased a pair of Oxford's Rainseal overboots. And boy, am I glad I did? After a hundred miles or so the persistent rain became a biblical downpour, but I wasn't bothered in the least.

My boots and lower trousers stayed bone dry and the non-slip rubber soles felt secure on the footpegs and didn't slip when I put my feet down.

They're fairly easy to put on, and the elasticated cuffs kept them from flapping around at speed. They also fold down nicely for storage.

MCN rating ★★★★★

www.oxfordproducts.com