



Everything needed for basic maintenance



Rothewald 92pc Tool Set £86.57

6 months ON TEST

'Perfect for my SV650'



Tested by Charlotte King for 6 months

I needed a simple toolkit that included all the essentials to carry out some maintenance tasks on my Suzuki SV650S. This Rothewald set appeared to fit the bill, providing a good selection of sockets, spanners and Allen keys.

It comes with a 1/4in driver and 3/8in driver, various adapters, extensions and bit set including

Phillips, hex, star and flat head. I have used these tools to successfully carry out an oil change, fuel pump replacement, brake caliper rebuild and full strip down for a paint respray on my beloved Suzuki SV and the tools have done everything required of them with no sign of wear and tear or corrosion yet. The handles have a nice, grippy covering and are comfortable to hold and use. The only slight niggle with this set so far,

although it's been the case with many of the toolkits I've used previously, is that when you open the box, the sockets fall out all over the place and don't stay within their specific slots.

It seems like a small change in design would remedy this... The box itself feels sturdy and robust, though, and the catches are easy to open and close.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.louis-moto.co.uk

Dr Wack S100 Chain Lube White 2.0 £9.99

'You can trust the doctor'



Tested by Gareth Evans for three years

I've used this lube on loads of bikes over multiple years now. It's my go-to product for keeping chains in decent nick, and it's the primary reason I removed the Scottolier from the VFR: I trust this stuff.

When you encounter a product with 'Dr' in the title, you do expect great things, and this PTFE lube is indeed among the best I've used. Fundamentally the product itself does a great job, keeping the chain in great nick and preventing corrosion thanks to its anti-rust additives, with

a bonus cleaning element whereby it cleans flung-up chain grease from your real wheel – a happy extra.

It's invisible once applied, and it goes a very long way, too. This longevity is partially because the can has got a pleasingly small nozzle, making application a breeze, and meaning you don't waste much product during application. But it also has excellent wash-off resistance, meaning a little goes quite a long way.

Overall, you can tell I'm a fan. You could say it's quite expensive, but I reckon it's worth it.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.dr-wack.com



36 months ON TEST

Forma SWIFT XFIT LADY Dry £149.99

'Urban boot comfort'



Tested by Saffron Wilson for 9000 miles

As someone who rides to get to the next place and explore while I'm there, I'm a big fan of kit that works both on and off the bike. This is why I've leant towards trainer-style boots in recent years, and this pair of Formas fit the bill perfectly.

Comfortable from the first wear thanks to soft polymer padding with memory foam and something Forma call a 'PP Mid Dual-Flex' midsole, I've worn them in temperatures topping 40°C as well as through chilly rainstorms. In both scenarios they held up well and the Drytex membrane did its job, despite being classified as water resistant, with moisture only seeping in after an hour or so.

I don't come down hard on either side of the 'pink' debate in women's kit, and I personally like the look of black, pink and white together... it might be something to do with the fashion of my teenage years. But if you're not a fan of the pink, you can barely see it when you're on the move and, overall, I think they're really stylish. If this is a deal breaker



Trainer style but with a stack of higher-level CE approval ratings

then don't worry, there are variations of colour and a style for the gents, if this review helps to tickle your fancy.

My only complaints after wearing them all summer are that the laces have thinned at the top from

repeated pulling, and there is a noticeable smooth patch on the left toe area where it's been subjected to repeated gear changes – but that's it.

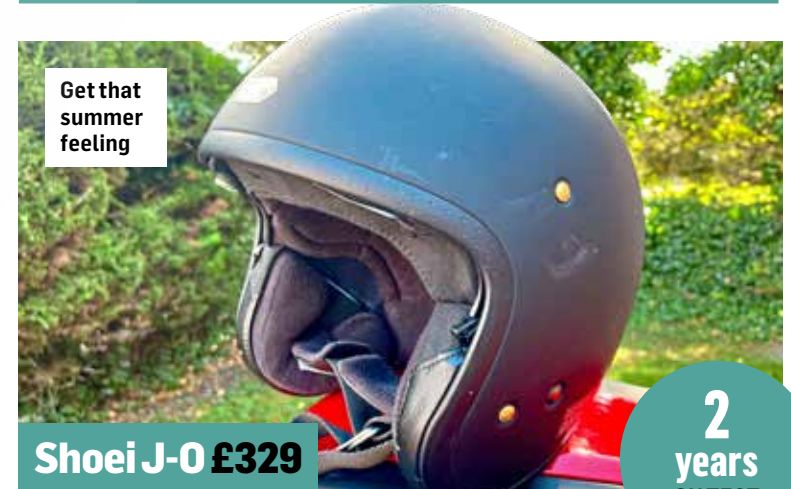
The sole is still in good nick, as is the leather, and they've survived being cleaned and treated a few times. I suspect with a change of laces they'll stand up to another couple of seasons yet.

They meet the higher CE level (1-2-2-2) in all but boot height, and house reinforced heel and toe areas as well as TPU moulded plastic ankle protectors, which can cause a bit of itchiness and discomfort at motorway speeds, although overall they are comfortable to wear for long periods. That said, they are classed as an urban boot and in that environment, they tick all the boxes perfectly.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.formaboos.com

21 months ON TEST

Get that summer feeling



Shoei J-O £329

2 years ON TEST

'Barefaced quality'



Tested by Michael Neeves for two years

I love wearing an open-face lid around town in warm weather. It obviously doesn't offer the same level of protection as a full-face helmet, but for low-speed riding, I'm willing to make that trade for the fresh-air feeling of freedom that reminds me of being somewhere nice abroad.

I've enjoyed wearing my Shoei J-O helmet for the past two summers on my Yamaha TMAX and test bikes. The quality, comfort, fit, and luxurious finish are as impressive as their top line full-face helmets, with nice touches like a flip-down visor, leather goggle strap, removable interior, and a durable matte black finish. Roll on next summer!

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.shoeiassured.co.uk