

# TESTED ✓

## 'My head lights up like a Christmas tree'



500 MILES

**Bright idea** Green LEDs on the front and rear vents can be set to constant or flashing operation

**Fastener Ratchet system** is quick and easy to fasten and release - even when your hands are cold

**Charging point** USB lead goes to your computer. A full charge lasts about eight hours

### Shark Skwal £199.99

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Time tested Five months/1500 miles

**What's good?** I've had various Shark lids going back to 1996 when my brother bought me a Foggy replica as a wedding present, and as with all my other Sharks this one fitted perfectly from day one without the need for any breaking in. It comes with a Pinlock anti-mist visor insert as standard, a drop-down sun visor and a ratchet-type fastener that I find much less fiddly than the traditional D-ring fastener. What makes this lid unique are the LED lights, which can be set to stay on constantly or to flash. I didn't quite understand the point of these until I rode home in the dark for the first time and when I arrived home my other half said I looked like a Christmas tree. Extra help with standing out from traffic can only be a good thing when riding through winter in the dark and gloom.

**What's not?** There really isn't much to criticise about the lid. The outer shell is very big and it looks massive on my small head - it would also save weight if there were a different shell for smaller head sizes. There's no indicator to tell you when the system is fully charged.

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It's a bit of a gimmick but should help you show up on dark rides



Shell size is very big for a size small helmet. You can't tell when the system is charged.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★



### THE RIVAL HJC IS-17

**Price:** £149.99 There's no other helmet with LEDs, so high-viz yellow is as stand-out as you can get. HJC's mid-priced lid has a spec that belies the budget price.

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