



Alpinestars Toucan Gore-Tex boots, £349.99

Sizes: 7-13

Colours: Black

Alpinestars has updated its adventure-styled Toucan boot for 2014, with the main change surrounding the new clasp closures. The new design is sleeker than the previous setup and retains the memory function that means the rider doesn't need to constantly set the length of the clasp. The rest of the boot must have been up to scratch as Alpinestars has left well alone, right down to the white and blue detailing around the shin. It's a Gore-Tex equipped waterproof boot with Alpinestars' own knobby sole for good grip on loose surfaces, and the robust construction that goes with a road-going adventure boot.

■ www.alpinestars.com



Yoshimura RS-9 exhausts for Honda MSX125, from £293

Honda's dinky MSX125 has been a popular newcomer this year, and tuning parts icon Yoshimura has created this exhaust for the bike, known in the USA as the 'Grom' (which explains the sticker on the side in this picture). You can get a full system with either an alloy or carbon end can, or opt simply for either end can on its own. The alloy can is £293, or £371 when part of a full system, while the carbon is £432 and the full system with that attached is £498. Both are road-legal with removable baffles to keep the noise down... a bit!

■ www.performanceparts-ltd.com

MT Synchrony helmet, from £59.99

Colours: White, matt black, black/grey, black/red, black/blue, black/orange. Sizes: S-XXL

Spanish company MT has released a new budget-priced off-road helmet that's well specced for the outlay. The thermoplastic shell has a goggle strap channel moulded in and anti-slip panels beside the main opening to keep the strap in place, as well

as ventilation points at the front to improve airflow for hard-working riders. The lining is removable so it can be washed after dirty and sweaty rides, and the peak is incorporated into the lid design to make sure it's as aerodynamic as possible. It's approved by the ACU for racing and meets the ECE 22.05 standard for road riding.

■ www.tri-motive.com/mt-mx

Peak is part of the lid to improve aerodynamics



Thermoplastic shell and a choice of six colour schemes

Dainese Veloce gloves, £89.99

Colours: Black, black/white, red/white

Sizes: XS-XXXL (men), XS-L (women)

Dainese has begun the grand unveiling of its 2014 ranges and these sports gloves are among the most eye-catching items. They're made from a mixture of cowhide and kangaroo skin, which is good for glove palms because a

roo's fibre structure means it can be thinner than other leather without losing its strength. The Veloces have a plastic knuckle guard, a secure wrap-around Velcro wrist restraint and are also available in more subtle black or black/white designs. The women's version is only available in the black or black/white schemes.

■ www.dainese.com

Kangaroo skin palms combine strength, comfort and feel



Akito Terra textile jacket, £99.99

Colours: Black, black/fluoro yellow

Sizes: XS-XXXXXL

Akito's budget waterproof textile jacket, available in a hi-viz yellow design with extra reflective panels to light up in a car's headlight beam, arrives at the perfect time with Autumn closing in fast. It's made from polyester, with a waterproof membrane,

adjustability at collar, waist and upper arm and has two waterproof external pockets and one internal pocket. There's a zip connection to attach it to Akito trousers. As well as the high-viz option, it comes in low-viz black, but still with the reflective panels to boost night-time visibility.

■ www.akito.com

Weise Hi-Viz Rain jacket, £44.99

There are plenty of ways of increasing your visibility on a bike, but Weise's new jacket combines extra conspicuity with waterproofing. The Hi-Viz rain is designed to go over leather or textile jackets to give an additional layer of defence against the rain and cold. It's mesh-lined and has two external pockets and one internal waterproof pocket for a phone and wallet. As well as the bright yellow colour for extra visibility in low light conditions, there are reflective stripes on the upper arms and back that illuminate in a car's headlight beam.

■ www.thekeycollection.co.uk

