



10 YEARS

Sidi Courier boots, £224.99



Tested by: Tony Hoare

Time tested: 10 years/8000 miles

What's good? Long before adventure riding became trendy and securing clasps became essential wear for anyone within sniffing distance of a dusty track, there were Sidi Courier boots. Simple, effective, comfortable and strong, with spares available to keep them operational. They keep out rain, can be adjusted to fit inside or outside riding trousers and the metal toecovers mean kneeling down to undo a disc lock won't result in scuffs and damage.

What's not? After getting a decade of use from a pair of boots it's hard to be critical. I've lost one of the toecovers, but that was my own fault for wilfully dragging them on the floor.

Contact: www.sidiselect.co.uk

Quality ★★★★★ **Value** ★★★★★



12 YEARS

Wiz kneesliders, £25



Tester: Michael Neeves

Time used: 12 years

What's good? I've been scraping Wiz kneesliders since the late 1980s and they've always impressed me. These plastic ones are excellent quality and, most importantly, give a nice safe feeling during touch-down. They don't grab like leather sliders and they don't rob you of feel, like some hard plastic ones. They last a decent amount of time, depending on how abrasive the track is, and how knee-down-giddy you are. The Velcro backing is securely fixed to the slider and they hook-up well on all the leathers I've ever worn. They come in a dizzying array of designs and colours, too.

What's not? They're perfect.

Contact: www.wizkneesliders.com

Quality ★★★★★ **Value** ★★★★★



1200 MILES

Schubert C3 Pro Women Helmet, £549.99



Tester: Alison Silcox

Time tested: 1200 miles/two months

What's good? The helmet has been designed specifically for females and from the first time I put it on my head, it has been comfortable and only needed minimal breaking in. With a slider being located on the chin bar, the drop-down sun visor is simple to activate. The flip-up style makes it great for touring, as there's no need to remove the whole lid at petrol stations, making for easier and quicker fuel stops.

What's not? My only criticism would be that this helmet is very expensive. But my first two months suggest its high level of quality justifies at least some of the extra cost.

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Quality ★★★★★ **Value** ★★★★★

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