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Superb fit and
decent spec too

Rev'it London women's jacket £469.99

'Trendy and tough AA-rated gear'



**Tested by
Emma Franklin
for 2000 miles**

Rev'it excel at combining super-stylish fashion-brand looks with the proper reassurance required from dedicated motorcycle gear. This London jacket looks, feels and fits so well you'd be happy to wear it on a night out. Yet despite its soft sheep leather construction and trendy suede patches, it's rated to the mid-level AA

for abrasion protection and packs soft CE Level-1 armour at the shoulders and elbows. Not so long ago, some retro-style leather jackets were only achieving the lowest A-rated performance due to manufacturers claiming customers were more concerned with soft feel than protection. Not an issue for Rev'it, whose products I've always found to be exceptionally strong and reassuring, but without compromising on style and comfort. The London

jacket is available in UK sizes between 8 and 16, and fits as normal. Suede patches on the shoulders might look like they'd be tricky to keep clean, but I literally brushed off dried-on summer bug splats with ease. The only niggle is its price; at nearly £500 it is extremely expensive compared to similar garments from Held and Furgan, but the quality does go some way to justifying this.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.revitsport.com

Merlin Revival Vintage helmet – Versus off-white £279.99

'Stand out in the past lane'



**Tested by Adam
Oldfield for eight
months**

The Merlin Revival Vintage helmet captures that classic 70s style, but underneath it boasts serious modern protection. Slip it on, and you instantly notice the plush, luxurious interior and comfort levels are top-notch even after hours in the saddle. The blunt chin bar gets the retro look just right while still offering loads of breathing space.

Airflow is impressive from a vintage-inspired lid, with decent vents and a Pin Lock system ensuring mist and fog aren't an issue. The visor has an old-school locking pin with a positive feel and can be left slightly open for extra airflow on warmer days.



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A perfect pairing,
Merlin's Revival
Vintage helmet
on a GT650

Visually, the Revival is a real showstopper, the heraldic graphics earn no shortage of intrigued comments and admiring looks. With compatibility for intercoms and glasses, this helmet offers true versatility, and it stacks up well against rivals from Arai and Bell.

The visor hinge does require a tool to adjust, and you'll notice some wind noise on the move, but that's easily solved with earplugs. All told, it's a bold, standout retro helmet I now reach for first.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.merlinbikegear.shop

Richa Stradale two-piece £550

'Track-inspired protection'



**Tested by
Joseph Wright for
eight months**

I have been impressed with previous

budget-friendly kit from Richa so I had high hopes for the Stradale leather two-piece suit. It sits at the top end of their sport range and is pitched as a great solution for riders wanting track-inspired protection on the road – although it's only AA rated, rather than the highest AAA level. Construction is cowhide, with a full zip to join jacket and trousers, and a race hump.

At 5ft 8in with a 30in inseam I chose the short trouser option and a size 42 jacket. Out the box, the 1.3 mm leather felt very stiff and rugged. Over the first few rides it softened a touch but never really relaxed in the way other suits I've owned have done. The fit around my thighs is tight to the point where moving around on the bike feels awkward. I would size-up, but the waist is already loose, so I sit between sizes. If you have larger legs or a gym build this set may affect your comfort. Even after months of use, it still felt restrictive on long days in the saddle.

The stealth black styling is clean and purposeful. A two-piece will never match the sleekness of a race



Odd mix of tight and loose (and we do mean both the leathers and Joseph)

suit, but this looks smart enough. The odd tight and loose areas knock your confidence a bit when you catch your reflection, though.

Build quality is the highlight. The stitching is neat, zips feel solid, and the leather screams durability. It feels like it would withstand years of abuse and offer good resilience to crash damage.

For the price, you get premium materials, a full joining zip, and handy pockets. Comfort holds it back but it still represents fair value. Just a shame it's not AAA rated.

A beautifully made suit that sadly does not suit every body shape. If it fits you well it will serve you brilliantly. If not, there are more forgiving options out there.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.richa.eu

ROKiT UP tyre inflator £39.99

'Pumping up the pressure'



**Tested by Richard
Newland for three
months**

This 7.4V rechargeable unit can chug out a full 150psi, so getting to the usual maximum of 42 for a bike tyre is no effort at all. The 5200mAh battery last really well – I recently topped up all six of my bikes (2 to 5psi in each tyre), as well as all four family cars, and it still had juice left.

You can also use it as a power bank to charge your phone or camera or whatever else, and it's got a torch built in, too. Charging is via a USB-C cable, which is supplied.

Using it is a simple case of turning it on and setting the pressure, then attaching the hose to unit and tyre, and letting it inflate until it reaches the set pressure, at which point it



Properly handy
little inflator

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switches off automatically. It's even accurate against my proper gauge. It only measures 12.8x8x5.5cm, so easily fits in a rucksack or pannier without taking up much room.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.nevis.uk.com