



Easy to fasten and mostly waterproof

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Alpinestars Corozal Adventure Drystar £309.99

'Stood up to six years of adventuring'



Tested by Michael Guy for six years

I've done thousands of miles in these adventure boots and they've proved both tough and versatile. For an off-road/adventure boot they are light and comfortable. Some boots are overly complicated in terms of how they do up but these have just two easily adjustable

buckles across the ankle and lower calf and the top of the boots is simply Velcro – which has lasted incredibly well and still attaches securely.

There is a decent amount of protection around the ankle and shin, but these are not a super rigid enduro style boot so ultimately the amount of protection in a crash is limited. Also, the sole has a fair bit of flex, which means it's not so great in a

crash, the major bonus being that they are easy to walk in.

The boots are Drystar meaning they should be waterproof – which they are to a point. I've had times where I've been impressed by their weather protection, but I've also definitely had days where I've ended up with wet feet!

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.alpinestars.com

Zerofit Heatrub Ultimate Baselayer £59.95

'Comfy too. It's a win-win'



Tested by Michael Neeves for three years

With winter just around the corner, it's almost time to dig out my thermals. I've been wearing Zerofit's Ultimate Heatrub Baselayer (and the £59.95 bottoms) for the past three years, and despite heavy use under riding jeans, jackets, adventure textiles, and just as many washes, there's no sign of wear on the fabric, seams, or stretch sections, which makes them great value. I'm a medium in just about everything, but I'm on the lanky side, so while the thermals fit almost perfectly, the top is slightly too short in the body. I'd go for a large next time, which I've since discovered Zerofit recommends.

It's their best seller (they make



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summer base layers too), which they claim is best in class, five times warmer than its rivals and twice as warm as a jumper. It's made from materials (acrylic, nylon, wool, polyester, and polyurethane) that generate and trap heat from body movement. I'm not sure I ever feel

five times warmer wearing them, but they've never left me feeling cold, even riding in the depths of winter. That suits my lizard-like ability to stay warm, and they're nice and comfy too, which is a win-win.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.zerofit.co.uk

Shoei Glamster 06 £519.99

'Pricy but luxurious'



Tested by Ben Clarke for four months

Thanks to taking on a few retro-infused long-term test bikes in my time at MCN, I've built up quite a collection of old-school helmets. I've previously tested the now discontinued Nexx X. G200, a Shoei Ex-Zero, Bell Moto 3 and HJC V10 and I'm currently trying out a Biltwell Gringo. I really liked the look of the previous generation of Glamster (ECE 22.05) but it was snaffled up by another team member before I could get hold of one. So, when the Japanese firm updated the model for the latest ECE 22.06 standard I stuck my hand straight up to try it.

The only outward sign that anything has changed between the models is the addition of a second chinstrap rivet, which suits me fine because I think the helmet's design is one of its best selling points. You still get the fin-style, mesh-filled chin vents – two on either side – that put me in mind of a 90s Formula 1 helmet, especially coupled with the large, metallic visor fixings.

This Heiwa Motorcycles paintjob is created by the Japanese custom house of the same name and, while I accept it won't be for everyone,



Ride a retro? Give this one a try

I think it looks the absolute business. Unfortunately, the dove on the back (heiva is the Japanese word for peace) looks decidedly pigeon-esque, leading to a few disparaging remarks in MCN Towers...

In better news, the Glamster itself is exceptionally comfortable and lightweight, making it a perfect companion for long days in the saddle. I've completed several full days of riding in it now without a hint of neck-ache or any pressure points ruining the fun. With its relatively narrow chin bar and permanently open chin vents, you stay nice and cool in summer but it's a cold option as soon as the temperature drops. The other small negative is that the visor requires a screwdriver to change. I haven't been able to get hold of a dark option for mine, but if I had it would annoy me that it's a faff to replace for nighttime or poor visibility.

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CTEK CS One charger £169

'A clever box of tricks'



Tested by Richard Newland for three years

Perfection. Not only does it do everything you'd expect: charging, recovering, conditioning and maintaining whatever vehicle battery you connect it to (and yes, it's does them all from Lead Acid to Lithium-ion in all wet, AGM, Gel and other forms) – it does it without any programming

from you. Simply connect the leads – disconcertingly both black because the CS is so clever that it detects polarity – plug it in, and it'll do the rest. The Adaptive Charging Technology analyses what's needed, before getting on with it. The display keeps you up to date, and once you've got a full white ring of illumination, your battery is tip-top.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.ctek.com