



Charlotte puts the boot in...

**Spada Piston Ladies WP Boots £149.99**

## March into some military-style cool



**Tested by Charlotte King for three months**

The military look made me think these would be great with jeans and jacket.

I needed to size up to comfortably get my foot into them, as they do come up small. Plus, when putting them on for the first time, the leather felt really quite stiff and I wasn't

convinced that they would be comfortable for long stints.

However, after a couple of rides, they have given enough that I can wear them for my commute to the office and remain in them all day without discomfort, saving me from having to pack an additional pair of shoes. They look great and are casual enough that they don't look like motorcycle boots when you are

away from the bike.

A zipper down the side makes them easy to put on, and the laces help get a great fit, while the lace cover strap keeps the laces from getting snagged on footpegs. They have proven to be waterproof so far and meet the top 2-2-2-2 CE safety certification.

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
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**400 miles ON TEST**

**Spada Nodachi trousers £209.99**

## Urban kit with protective practicality



**Tested by Dan Sutherland for 4000 miles**

I've been wearing these urban-looking cargo trousers for just over a year now both on my commute to and from the office, as well as occasional weekend jaunts around town aboard my Royal Enfield Classic 350.

I like them a lot, mainly because they are comfortable over distance and offer an alternative to riding jeans when you want to present the illusion of wearing casual clothing on your bike.

This particular pair is a little loose fitting, but that's fine as it allows me to wear thick base layers underneath, or a pair of slim-fitting regular trousers if I'm heading into work.



AA protection with Level 2 armour inside

**One year ON TEST**

The cavernous lower leg, complete with rear zips, also allow me to wear them with thick race boots inside should I wish, and the lack of colour means they work with a wide range of textile jackets.

I also like the way they look, with the waterproofed outer pockets reminiscent of those on a pair of workwear trousers. Better still,

they're rated AA for abrasion resistance and come with Level 2 armour at the knees and hips.

Although practical, I don't wear them for winter rides as they aren't warm enough, preferring something a little thicker to keep the wind chill away at higher speeds.

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**Knox Dual Pro £239.99 (£169.99 on sale now)**

## Layered-up versatility



**Tested by Nye Davis for 12 months**

Dip a toe in the outdoorsy world and you'll notice that

layering is the default approach when it comes to clothing.

For whatever reason, that philosophy has never quite taken hold with motorcyclists and most will still opt for an all-in-one jacket as their go-to.

Cumbria-based Knox have long taken a different view. For several years they've offered armoured mesh shirts that put protection closest to the body, allowing riders to layer outward depending on the prevailing conditions.

And that's where their Dual Pro jacket comes in. The two-part system combines a softshell outer with a quilted puffer liner, working together to keep you warm through winter yet easily stripped back and stuffed away for when those rare sunny days emerge.

Because it's been designed to fit over any Knox armoured shirt (which already carries AA abrasion resistance and Level 2 impact protection) the Dual Pro itself offers no crash protection. Instead, its purpose is purely to protect you against the elements while offering heaps of versatility when you are



Nye slides into his Goldilocks zone with the Knox Dual Pro

walking around off the bike.

And it does that extremely well, delivering a Goldilocks level of warmth and breathability for almost any UK riding weather short of sub-zero extremes.

The 10K softshell outer isn't waterproof, but it's more than up to the job of fending off a light rain shower. There's a handy roll-away hood snug enough to wear under a helmet, along with plenty of pocket space – including a large rear map pocket.

The Thermolite Plus puffer liner is equally impressive, fitting my frame to a tee and keeping me warm through winter.

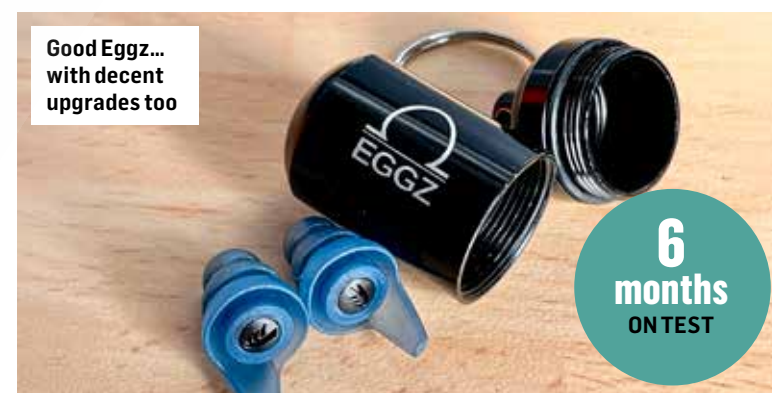
Both layers can be worn together or separately and look just as natural off the bike as they do on it. As a result, mine rarely leaves my back. Heading to the office – whether in a van or on the bike – cycling, walking the dogs, or popping to the shops, chances are I'll be wearing the Dual Pro.

After hundreds of hours of use and more than a few off-road spills, it hasn't dropped so much as a stitch. Knox, you've made a belter.

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
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**12 months ON TEST**

Good Eggz... with decent upgrades too



**6 months ON TEST**

**Eggz Motorcycle Earplugs £19.99**

## Easy in, easy out protection



**Tested by Robin Kirkley for six months**

These second-generation Eggz earplugs feature a longer tab which makes them easier to get out of my ear than the previous version. I've always found Eggz to be comfortable, especially on longer rides, and that's probably because

they're made from medical grade silicon. The acoustic filter performs brilliantly at reducing wind and engine noise while allowing me to hear my satnav and music. They are certified to reduce harmful in-helmet noise by at least 24dB. This is important to me since I don't want to be half deaf when I'm an older biker.

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
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