



Both comfy and kinda cool...

Furygan Chattanooga £269.99

'Commuter boots... but not boring'



Tested by Charlotte King for two months

I was on the lookout for a touring-type boot for commuting, that didn't look too plain and 'boring'. The Chattanooga caught my eye thanks to the stitched panther motif on the front and the suede-effect finish. They were comfortable from the first wear, and I think they will only get more comfortable as they break in

and soften. The sole is really grippy with Michelin Cross Climate treads so there is no concern of slipping when moving the bike about. The boa-style closure system saves so much hassle; simply shove your foot into the boot and twist the knob on the rear of the boot until it reaches a comfortable tightness, then close up the Velcro. To remove just twist the other way and it will release the tension and allow you to open the

Velcro. I haven't tested them fully for waterproofness, but they have withstood showers with ease and the breathable lining is soft and comfortable without causing sweaty feet. Although the large loop at the back is intended to make it easier to get the boots off, it can sometimes catch on the footpegs, causing a momentary panic!
MCN rating ★★★★★
www.furygan.com

600 miles ON TEST

Dainese Full Metal 7 £399

'Pricy but protective'



Tested by Carl Stevens for 3000 miles

Dainese's Full Metal 7 gloves may be salty in terms of cost, but they have the look, feel and fit of a premium glove – and more importantly, they've held up well after enduring thousands of miles across all weathers too.

Unlike a lot of range-topping racing gloves, the Full Metal 7s are instantly plush from the off, without a hefty breaking-in period. Even the lump of titanium on the knuckles is comfortable from the first few rides, with the glove offering a spacious, true-to-size fitment. The pre-curved construction is also well shaped for comfort, and when they've been on my hands for a full day of riding, there's no discomfort. For a race glove they are pleasingly comfortable, with no bulky seams or edges to cause soreness.

Unlike many sporty gloves on the market, the cuff is large enough to easily fit over leathers without any stress, and the internal material doesn't grip to the forearms on a Dainese suit either, which makes wrist movement nice and natural with minimal friction.

There's a load of ventilation on offer with holes placed all the way



Level 2 protection doesn't come cheap but they are great gloves

over the leather, and on summer days there's plenty of airflow to keep your palms from getting too sweaty. On the flipside, they are not water-resistant in the slightest, and on cooler days the cold makes its way through the glove very quickly.

But they're not made to be a touring glove, they're crafted for performance and as far as protection goes, the Full Metal 7 gloves are jam-packed with safety features to keep you safe in the case of a fall.

They're certified to the highest CE Level 2, which many gloves – even range-topping race gloves – fail to meet. The Pro-Tek titanium inserts on the knuckles are solid without being uncomfortable, while the Kevlar inserts on the palm, the back of the glove and throughout the fingers offer a feeling of security. There's additional reinforcement on the little finger and across the scaphoid area.

They're a great glove that look the part and hold up their end of the deal, with the only major downside coming from the asking price.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.dainese.com

Two years ON TEST

Oxford Kickback 2.0 Shirt £139.99

'Lightweight and tough'



Tested by Saffron Wilson for one year

Earlier this year we rented scooters in Bali. Knowing that the weather was going to be in the 30s most days and the humidity enough to keep every item of clothing moist for the full 10 days out there, I knew I needed kit that was lightweight, looked great, but also protective. The answer was the Oxford Kickback 2.0 riding shirt. It is A-rated (the lowest CE rating, intended for urban speeds), which suited me fine as the scooter wasn't going to get much faster than 30mph at any point, as well as being lightweight and comfortable even when the sun is baking the tarmac. Not only does it look great, with Level 1 elbow and shoulder armour included, it has a zip



12 months ON TEST

Nice but there's now an even better one

closure behind the stud buttons so it won't come apart on the move.

It's worth noting that there's now an AA-rated update – the 3.0 – which comes in both men's and women's

sizing. But that also means you're more likely to get a good deal on the outgoing 2.0 model.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com

RST Pro Series Paragon 7 £199.99

'The perfect trousers'



Tested by Robin Kirkley for 980 miles

The Paragon 7 textile trousers sized up perfectly for me, and the adjustable braces keep this quite heavy piece of kit in place all day long – on or off the bike. The vents keep me cool in hot weather and the removable thermal liner is nice when the temperature drops and the wind chill tries to bite. The waterproofing membrane certainly does its job even in heavy showers, which all adds up to say I've never been cold, wet or sweaty in these trousers. They also connect by zip to the Paragon 7 jacket making a great one-piece.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.rst-moto.com



Two months ON TEST

'Yes Gromit, these are the right trousers'