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'A proper Charlie'

Alpinestars Oscar Charlie Leather Jacket £489.99

Tester Simon Relph
Time used 2500 miles

What's good? I'm of an age that remembers the Oscar range first time around, and am still the proud owner of a pair of original Alpinestars Roger De Coster boots – still going strong after 37 years. This Oscar Charlie leather jacket is in the same vein as my old boots: built to last. It oozes quality just looking at it, then, when picked up the weight and quality of the full-grain leather is obvious. It's not only soft and supple, but thick too. The design is understated, with subtle branding, in the form of embossed leather patches. The feel is classic and simple, with two white stripes down each arm. It is



also neatly detailed with pop studs that carry the Oscar spiral swirl logo on each cuff, along with closing zips to keep the weather out. Shoulders and elbows have very unobtrusive slim-fitting CE-armour and there is a pocket for a back protector. It also comes with a soft flannel lining, which is a breath of fresh air after having worn so many jackets with clammy nylon linings.

What's not The only bit that annoys me on this jacket is the tab on the zipper which has square corners and occasionally gets stuck at a jaunty angle.

Contact www.alpinestars.com
Quality ★★★★★
Value ★★★★★

+ Stylish and beautifully made from quality leather

- The zip tab sometime gets on my nerves



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Relph rates the A-stars' classic looks and quality

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