

THE MCN SHOWCASE

WATERPROOF BIKE BOOTS

Worn in all weathers so you can buy with total confidence

- Fit and comfort rated
- Design, construction and CE scores noted
- Waterproofing tested in all weathers

RATINGS
Exceptional ★★★★★ Very good ★★★★
Good ★★★ Average ★★ Poor ★

MCN BEST BUY



Altberg Touring £229.99

‘Dry, warm & comfortable’

Tested by Simon Relph for two and a half years/10,000 miles

These boots have faced all conditions... wet, dry, warm, cold... and have remained comfortable throughout, which is pretty special when you rely heavily on a product to do its job. They are my go-to kit, especially if it is wet, or I will be doing a fair bit of walking at the other end of a journey. It all started with a trip up to Altberg headquarters in Richmond, Yorkshire, where I had my feet measured by one of their technicians (this is where I discovered I am one size bigger than I thought I was). From my measurements Altberg made me a pair of custom fit boots. Keen to give them a good test, I wore them every day for the first year. I am

very happy to say these are the most comfortable boots I have ever owned, and when it comes to being waterproof, they have not let a drop in. Made to military spec with safety and comfort in mind, they are top quality. If you are into touring where storage is at a premium, they double up for riding and walking, doing both jobs superbly. Well worth every penny.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.altberg.co.uk

PROS & CONS

- + Warm and dry feet in total comfort
- I wish I had found out about Altberg earlier



For fit and comfort they are hard to beat



Alpinestars Web Gore-Tex £159.99

Tested by Michael Guy for three years / 11,500 miles
Used through the wettest and coldest weather of the last three years, these boots have proved to be 100% waterproof regardless of what the British winter has thrown at them.

They are easy to put on, relatively lightweight and comfortable for walking. They are considerably shorter than the race or adventure boots I normally wear, which means I remain a little concerned about the lack of shin and leg protection, but the protection they do offer is good, with reinforced toe area, shin and ankle. That said, there are advantages to them being shorter as they are far easier to put on with the winter Cordura trousers I'm wearing easily going over the top of the boot so there is no worry about water running down the inside when I am out riding in bad weather.

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



TCX ST Fighter Gore-Tex £259.99

Tested by Ben Clarke for two years / 4000 miles

I was drawn to these because they are waterproof but still look cool. When you're riding a sportsbike, you don't want to have to pull on a touring welly just because the clouds have rolled in, especially in the spring and summer. These look sporty with their exposed ankle support, block heel and toe sliders but thanks to a Gore-Tex membrane they're completely watertight. They're also incredibly comfortable both on and off the bike and have become my go-to option for all kinds of riding from trackdays to touring – when it isn't due to rain. Because they're breathable, they don't get hot and sweaty in warm weather so they're ideal for multi-day trips on my ZX-10R when I can't be sure of the weather.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.uk.tcxboots.com