

Great value flip front that does the job so well



Givi X.23 Sydney flip-front helmet
£169.99

'Can't argue with the value'

Tested by Mike Armitage for six months / 1500 miles



There are lighter flip-fronts. You'll find others with a more luxurious interior too, not to mention superior

1500 MILES

visor clip whistles. However, you'll struggle to find another modular lid that gets near the Givi's value. Comfy on long rides, the X.23 doesn't look like the front hinges open and feels like a regular full face. Vents are easy to work with gloves on and provide effective breeze, the seatbelt-style fastening is a doddle, and the sun visor is controlled easily with a lever on the side (so no patting the top of your head to find it). No misting either, thanks to being supplied with both a Pinlock insert and a breath guard.

Yet despite all this positivity the X.23 is a snip-like £169. Shop around and you'll find the helmet for £125, or cheaper still in solid colours. It's a steal, is that.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

www.givi.co.uk

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Dainese Dinamica D-WP boots £188.96

'Shorties that pack protection'

Tested by Emma Franklin for three years/10,000 miles



These Dinamicas are short boots that feel and perform like proper sports boots. Obviously, there's no lower-leg coverage, however there's so much structure and protection around the ankle, heel and toe that they feel really reassuring to ride in. They were comfortable right from the word go, and they feel like slippers – albeit very supportive ones – three years down the line.

There's very little wear either to the upper or the sole, and the rear zip at the Achilles area is tough and holding up well. The only little criticisms are that the Daineses lack breathability in hot weather, and the waterproof membrane keeps most of the rain out but leaves feet feeling a little damp. The sole is also fairly rigid – which is great for protection but means they feel a bit clumpy to walk around in.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

www.nevis.uk.com



RST Tractech Evo 3 £129.99

'Great for the price'

Tested by Ben Clarke for 2 months



Despite sitting at the lower end of the price scale for this kind of boot, the Tractech Evo 3 manages the higher CE level 2 rating for abrasion

and impact resistance, dropping to the minimum 1 standard for transverse rigidity. They look the business in this black and fluoro yellow, too, but there are less lurid options available if you prefer. The venting and perforated leather work really well and keep your feet cool on the move, while the bracing system means it's very easy to operate the foot controls but I do prefer to feel more supported from a sporty boot. Thanks to lockdowns I've not put many miles on these yet so the star ratings are for my first impressions.

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Quality ★★★★★ **Value** ★★★★★

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MCN 5004 R5K READERS' TOP FIVE BIKE COVERS



Oxford Protex Stretch £99.99

I have two and they are great – even with the sea spray near my coastal home and hot exhausts from the bikes. One is more grey than black now, but it's five years old. **Alan Rumfitt, Jersey**

Favoto Waterproof Cover £14.65

From Amazon. I use it indoors so can't comment on waterproofing. **Jason Dorey, Alford**



Oxford Dormex indoor cover £24.99

It's got a stretch bottom, so it hugs the bike. It's breathable and not bulky. **Arthur Loaf, Lancaster**



Dustoff indoor bike cover £34.95 -£40.18

I had one on my Triumph Street Triple for five years and had no problems. **Bob Wilson, Sandbach**



R&G Adventure Bike Outdoor Cover £49.16

It hasn't leaked and the only wear is a peeling reflective strip. **Henni Havenga, Henley**



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