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'Snug-fitting wonder's got it covered'

Oxford Protex Stretch outdoor bike cover from £79.99

Tester Simon Relph

Time tested One year

What's good? I love a well thought-out product and something as simple as a bike cover can get overlooked. Just pick up this Oxford item and it feels good, soft on the inside to avoid scratching paintwork and a stretchy material to help the cover cling to the bike. Even in high winds, when I have forgotten to connect the adjustable bellystrap, it has remained snugly over the bike and at the same time kept it dry. The elasticated bottom edge helps to keep it in place too. If you're covering your bike up in a location where the numberplate must be visible, there is a plastic window in the rear of the cover with what I can only describe as a roll-up blind that can be left up or down. Both ends of the cover have handy pouches to keep padlocks off the ground. Other details include neatly-seamed lock holes to thread a chain through, and a panel in the top that can house an Oxford solar battery charger panel. Then there are reflective panels to help make sure your bike is seen at night as well as air vents to reduce condensation. It's a quality product.

What's not? The only thing that has deteriorated is the colour – what started off as raven black has now gone an inky blue/purple, but it has spent a year out in the sunshine.

Contact www.oxfordproducts.com

ONE
YEAR



Snug fit, well-made and plenty of features to help you care for your bike.



The finish used to be a lot more black than it is now.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★



THE RIVAL R&G Racing Superbike cover Price £44.99

It's a great cover that holds its shape well (though isn't stretchy like the Protex), but on naked bikes isn't always tall enough to reach down to the bottom of the front wheel.

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Numberplate window
Roll up the blind and you can display your reg if it's needed where you park



Sunroof Located on the front of the cover is a clear panel to fit an Oxford Solariser battery charger