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MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT  
★★★★★

3 MONTHS

Furygan Heat Blizzard 37.5 heated gloves £259.99

‘Clever approach to staying comfortable’

Tested by Richard Newland for three months, 800 miles

These Furygans boast app connectivity via Bluetooth, which allows remote control, a pre-heat timer function, heat controls and a countdown to show you how much heat you can have for how long based on current battery life.

The control buttons are cuff located, which isn't ideal if you're a sleeves-over rider (I am), but if you mount your phone on your bike you can control the gloves via the app. And yes, the glove's index fingers are phone screen friendly.

They warm reasonably fast in Boost mode (Super Boost is available with a hardwire connection that gives constant power, £69.99 extra), and the spread of heat is good, although

thumbs and pinkies feel cooler than the rest of the glove. The gloves are connected, which is brilliant as you only have to use the settings on one glove and the other will follow suit on its own. There's a visor wipe for rainy days, but in a couple of deluges I've noted some very mild moisture ingress despite the waterproof claims. Other than that, they've been fantastic.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★  
www.nevis.uk.com

PROS & CONS

- + Decent warmth, app info, batteries last well in use
- Batteries drain if they are left plugged in



You can control it all from your smartphone



Arai Tour-X4 £579.99

‘Versatility has its drawbacks’

Tested by Jordan Gibbons for nine months, 3500 miles

Arai's only peaked adventure helmet, the Tour-X4 has been part of their range for a few years. One of its best features is how versatile it is – although presented as a peaked lid, you can use it both with and without the visor and with or without the peak. The only downside to this arrangement is that it requires a coin/screwdriver and a few minutes of faffing to change. The versatility stretches to the venting too, with 10 changeable vents plus a chin curtain meaning it's at home in all weather conditions. Inside, the lining is excellent, so you can wear it all day long in total comfort, plus there are cut outs for an intercom. Other than the visor faff the only other real let down is the weight – on the MCN scales of justice it comes up just over 100g heavier than the equivalent Shoei.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★  
whyarai.co.uk

3500 MILES

XCP Pro Chain Lube £9.99 (400ml)

Tested by Simon Brown for 2000 miles

XCP have taken a different approach from rival lubes. Instead of producing a waxy gloop, their product applies an almost invisible layer to your chain and the key thing about it is that it's not sticky so your chain doesn't attract grit and grime that can turn into a grinding paste. Applied as part of my weekly routine the XCP kept the chain on my Ducati looking good and, better still, there was little messy fling.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★  
www.xcp-protection.com

