

TESTED ✓

'A custom-fit for your calves'

Sidi ST Gore £314.99

Tested by Liam Marsden

Time tested Two months/1300 miles

What's good? I always have trouble finding boots that fit well, because I have laughably thin calves. These Sidis are the only boots I've found so far that are secure around my calves, and they fit my feet almost perfectly, too. The buckles at the top of the boots are adjustable so whether I'm wearing the boots over leathers or against my bare calves I can adjust them to get a nice tight fit. The Gore-Tex membrane has so far kept my feet dry, and allowed them to breathe. Despite temperatures now dropping below zero, I've also been able to get away with wearing thin socks and my feet haven't been too cold. The external support brace, which is there to stop lateral movement in the event of a crash, allows good movement back and forth making walking easy and comfortable.

What's not? While I've no doubt the ankle brace will help in a crash, it's a little bulky, which often means it gets stuck on the footpeg when I try and flick the sidestand down. The boots have switchable vents, but I rode in temperatures below freezing with just one vent open and I didn't notice a difference – though that could be down to the amount of weather protection on my Kawasaki 1400GTR. **Contact** www.sidiselect.com



BUCKLES
Huge range of adjustment means they can fit any leg size

**THE RIVAL**
TCXRS-2 Evo

Price £299.99

There is no direct rival for the Sidis as no-one else makes a high-spec waterproof race boot in this price bracket. The closest boots are these TCXs with a similar spec but no waterproof membrane.

www.nevis.uk.com**TWO MONTHS**

GORE-TEX
Has kept the rain (and snow) at bay while still letting my feet breathe



VENTS
So far they've proved ineffective, this could be due to the bike's weather protection



Clasps mean boots can be adjusted to fit closely for wide or slim calves



Slightly complicated and finicky to get on. Vents don't seem to be very effective

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★