

Relphy's classics now get that full factory feel



Oxford Team Mat £129.99

'Soaks up most spillages'

Tested by Simon Relph 5 months



If you enjoy tinkering, then you can often find yourself scrabbling around on your knees, which after some time becomes cold and uncomfortable. To cure this, I have gone for the Oxford Team Mat. It is 2.4

metres long and just over a metre wide with plenty of space for a bike and me to move about on. The backing is made from Nitrile, a synthetic rubber which has a good resistance to engine oil and fuel.

The main part of the mat has a 5mm deep nylon pile carpet which will soak up most things that get spilt on it. It is also a great barrier between a cold concrete garage floor and my feet which would normally get chilled after long periods in the garage. The best bit is how it looks, the answer is very smart and gives my workshop that pro look.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com

5 MONTHS

PROS & CONS

- + Looks good and feels plush under foot/knees
- Nothing so far in the time I have had it



6 MONTHS

Laser Monkey wheel alignment tool £34.99

'It makes aligning chains or belts an absolute doddle'

Tested by Jordan Gibbons for six months



Some of you may look at this and think "what's the point, my swingarm has marks on it and it's dead easy to adjust a chain". Until recently, I'd have agreed but I now own a Harley, which doesn't have any marks on the swingarm. Instead there's some daft system involving an old bent coat

hanger, a rubber band and a migraine. To skip that kerfuffle, I got hold of one of these things and it's now a doddle. Simply attach it to your sprocket or belt carrier and it shines a laser, then you straighten the wheel off that. I have used it on regular chain drive bikes as well now and for £35 it's a no brainer.

Quality ★★★★★
Value ★★★★★
www.tru-tension.co.uk



Rukka Outlast shirt and long johns £55 each

'Thin but great'

Tested by Mike Armitage for two months, 1000 miles



Rukka's shirt and strides seem thin and flimsy, making you question their ability. Yet the performance is superb. Apparently the Outlast temperature regulation notices a change in your temperature or the outside air, and its 'phase change paraffin' thermocules change from solid to liquid to provide thermal equilibrium. And back again as required. Sounds like far-fetched twaddle but it works: these layers keep me as snug as far thicker, woollier items when it's chilly, yet kept me from becoming a sweaty mess on an unseasonably warm spring day. Slip unnoticed under any clobber, too. Impressed? I am.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
www.bikerheadz.co.uk

1000 MILES

MCN 5004 R5K READERS' TOP FIVE BOOTS



TCX RT-Race £199.99

Not waterproof at all, but there's great ventilation and they're super comfy with the inner sock lining. I'd recommend them if you don't want to spend a fortune. Terry Fox, Thatcham

Dainese Torque 3 Out Boots £369.95

The way to get them on, with the zip at the rear, is fast and easy with no buckles. Fantastic boots! Mark Waters, Lincs



Alpinestars Supertech R £419.99

Because they're wide at the top, they'd suit any brand of leathers. Luke Burnett, Lincoln



Daytona Evo Voltex £779.99

They offer by far the best protection from abrasion, impact and abnormal range of motion. David Wright, Suffolk



RST TracTech Evo III Short £109.99

They're not bad value at all and my feet feel secure. They could make changing sliders easier, but that's it. Jamie Vincent, Dorset



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