



## Spada Hanzo £319.99

### 'Stylish with supple leather'



**Tested by Gareth Evans for 10 months**  
I've never liked a leather jacket as much as this one from

Spada, for three reasons: First, it fits wonderfully well around my torso, arms, wrists and shoulders. It has a perforated two-part main zip for additional ventilation, and belt loops plus double zippers to adjust the fit and prevent it bunching when on the bike. It has zipped venting around the waist, elasticated shoulders and seven pockets. Comfy, despite its AA safety rating and five-piece Level 2 armour.

Secondly, the jacket is stylish, toeing the line between casual and sporty, with arm stripes emphasising its athletic aspirations.

And third, it's made of soft and supple leather with weighting that's hefty but never enough to endanger a coathanger. It's improved markedly as I've piled on the miles.

My sole negative is the flimsy leather main zip pull, one of which failed within a week. I replaced it with a cabletie, which I think adds workshop grittiness... If you buy one you'll need to get equally creative, because the zip itself is small to operate with gloved hands.

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
[www.spadaclothing.com](http://www.spadaclothing.com)

This is a seriously comfy jacket

2000  
miles  
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## Furygan Raptor Evo 3 £499.99

### 'Raptor-ously good jacket'



**Tested by Justin Hayzelden for 14 months**

The Furygan Raptor Evo 3 has been my go-to leather jacket for well over a year now, mostly getting paired up with riding jeans and race boots for fair weather flitting about on sportsbikes, but just recently it's been elevated to more regular duties as the perfect commuter kit on my Honda Hornet SP.

Leather always improves with age and wear, and although it's felt good from day one thanks to a true-to-size fit and stretchy underarm panels, the Raptor is maturing nicely, feeling softer and more compliant than ever. The cut is aggressively focused, similar to a one-piece race suit, and encourages your arms to fall effortlessly into the perfect 'elbows out' riding position when your hands are on the bars.

Protection is never in question as it's CE AAA certified, with Level 1 D3O shoulder and elbow armour,

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Protection perfection for fair weather fun

plus I've added D3O's Viper 2.0 Air Level 2 back and Level 1 chest protectors (£49.99 and £34.99 respectively) for extra peace of mind.

With all the armour fitted the Raptor is supremely comfortable to wear, as the highly flexible orange non-Newtonian material conforms naturally around the body within the

full-grain outer shell – it really is a pleasure just to put on and zip up, making me feel ready for business every time I do.

Perforated panels front and rear make it too breezy for chilly conditions, even with the zip-out gilet in place, but on warmer days that

breathability is extremely welcome, especially with the additional shoulder vents open.

At nearly £500 the Raptor Evo 3 is not cheap, but it's beautifully made to the same standard as the firm's race suits, so if you're looking for top quality, it won't disappoint.

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
[furygan.com](http://furygan.com)

## Richa Daytona 2 £349.99

### 'A modern classic'



**Tested by Richard Newland for two years**

The timeless design looks great, and the leather is supple but sturdy, it's attractively lined and cleans up well after summer fly massacres. The Richa meets the AA CE rating, which is the minimum I'd stomach for normal road riding, and boasts armour from D3O (elbow, shoulder and back are standard). There's a zip-in quilted liner, the neoprene lined collar is comfy and the sleeves are the right length. The only wear after 17,000-odd miles is a fraying of the liner at the sleeves caused by the Velcro on my shortie gloves.

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
[www.nevis.uk.com](http://www.nevis.uk.com)



17,000  
miles  
ON TEST

Top-level safety and it zips to leather pants

5000  
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armoured second skin. The only slight disappointment is the absence of a back protector element, although you can add a Level 2 insert for an extra £24.99 if you so wish. Available in both men's and women's cuts, in an impressive range of sizes and accent colours, for fans of sporty-styling the S-1 is the only

leather jacket you'll need, especially as its full-circumference zip means you can attach leather trousers for a full leather suit suitable for track use, or just team it with protective jeans for more relaxed road riding.

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
[www.rst-moto.com](http://www.rst-moto.com)

## RST S-1 CE £259.99

### 'AAA-rated protection'



**Tested by Emma Franklin for two years**

If you want your leather jacket to feel protective, the S-1 CE is the one for you. Made from full-grain leather and featuring a sporty cut with Level 1 internal protectors as well as external shoulder armour, the S-1 meets the highest AAA rating for abrasion protection. My S-1 is now going into its third summer of use and its solid build quality means it's holding up extremely well. Stitching and stretch panels remain unfrayed, and all the zips and Velcro are still performing perfectly. When I first started wearing this jacket it felt restrictive and uncomfortable, however time and miles have resulted in gear that feels like an



## Gold Top 619 £429

### 'Luxurious classic, stunning value'



**Tested by Ben Clarke for 800 miles**

There's something pleasing about a high-quality, timeless leather jacket – and that's exactly what this 619 from Gold Top represents. There's no high-tech features, just thick, plush leather beautifully stitched together and adorned with bullet-proof zips and press studs. As well as all of that, it's got AAA CE certification for good measure. Gold Top could easily charge 50% more, but I'm glad they don't!

**MCN rating ★★★★★**  
[goldtop.co.uk](http://goldtop.co.uk)

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