



**Sidi Performer Gore**  
**£239.99**

## 'A full house in Level 2 CE tests'

Come up quite tall, though they don't feel stiff or cumbersome. Easy to put on, with a side zip that runs virtually all the way down to the sole, and feet are left feeling comfortable and relaxed inside, with no pinch points or unwelcome snugness. There's no obvious external bracing though, which might affect perceived confidence for some riders, but countering that is the perfect CE rating – these earn the higher Level 2 score for all three test criteria (cut, abrasion and rigidity). Constructed in microfibre with a Gore-Tex membrane, they resolutely refused to concede a single drop of water in both our pressure-washer and our submersion tests. If you like the look and fit but don't go out when it rains, there's a non-waterproof version of the Performer available for £55 less.

**Quality** ★★★★★  
**Value** ★★★★★  
[www.sidiselect.co.uk](http://www.sidiselect.co.uk)

### PROS & CONS

- ➕ Big on protection (Level 2) and very comfortable
- ➖ Quite tall and don't look as robust as they are



## 'Gore-Tex keeps you comfy'

Zip and Velcro up easily and fit is generally nice and comfy, though the heel doesn't feel quite as secure as some of the other sets of boots tested here. Outer fabric is microfibre and construction feels extremely stiff, which can cause problems when you're moving your left foot back and forth to hook under the gear pedal, leading to a few missed changes. Gore-Tex

liner helps keep the boot feeling warm, stops them from getting sweaty when it's hot out and, more intuitively, keeps out every single last drop of moisture in both our spray and submersion waterproofing tests. Impressive overall performance, but also an expensive set in this company.

**Quality** ★★★★★ **Value** ★★★★★  
[www.nevis.uk.com](http://www.nevis.uk.com)



**Richa Tracer Evo £109.99**

## 'Just half the price'

Leather outer, with plastic reinforcements at ankle and heel, plus a Hipora membrane for waterproofing. However, they didn't prove very resilient in testing, with water getting through when the boots were sprayed with a pressure washer. Immersing them in water left feet totally drenched. Sizing proved to be an issue too, these coming up much smaller than the other boots here – it's definitely worth going up a size from normal, as we had to. On the bike the Tracer Evos give reasonable feel for controls and they seem confidence-inspiring, and let's not forget that they're half the price of other sets of boots here.

**Quality** ★★★★★ **Value** ★★★★★  
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# MCN 5004 R5K READERS' TOP FIVE SATNAVS

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**TomTom Rider 550 £399.99**

"Has a wide range of options to plan a route, a one button 'Ride Home' option and the ability to plan routes using my laptop or phone. Can't fault it."  
**Paul Driscoll, Monmouthshire**

**Beeline Moto £149**

"What an amazing product; it's a totally different way of thinking about navigation and I find it absolutely fantastic to use."  
**Ben Cordy, Leeds**



**Garmin Zumo 396 £349.99**

"Live traffic on the Zumo 396 alerts you to any road closures. It's also got full European maps."  
**Jon Eyes, Crewe**



**Google Maps Free**

"I use my iPhone in a quad lock, with Google maps. Never had a problem and I don't see any need for a dedicated satnav."  
**Angi Todd, Hinckley**



**Garmin Zumo 590 £549.99**

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