

KIT ON TEST

THE GEAR CURRENTLY BEING USED BY THE RiDE TEAM



HOW WE TEST KIT

RiDE is the home of serious, objective, professional testing of motorcycle clothing and accessories.

Our comparison tests, which reward the most

impressive gear with Best Buy and Recommended triangles, are respected worldwide.

As well as conducting several of those big RiDE Product Tests every year, we are constantly using new and

familiar kit. That's what these Kit on Test pages are for: first impressions of new items, and reappraisals of previously tested gear whenever we have something fresh to report, good or bad.



Rukka Argosaurus gloves

£200

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Gore-Tex gloves offering the holy trinity of warmth, protection and feel

Last month I found myself facing the same old problem that crops up every year. Winter is here, and I have an aversion to the majority of winter gloves. I find that they either don't have any decent armour or aren't waterproof, and always seem to lack feel through the palm.

I've always preferred to have cold hands than ride in something that feels inhibiting, and it's that mindset that leaves me riding to work in some vented sports gloves in freezing temperatures. I end up getting off the bike with frozen and numb hands. There has to be a better way than this.

Enter the Argosaurus, Rukka's three-season gloves. They're leather, sporty, waterproof, windproof and dripping in titanium armour and hard palm sliders. All of this makes them seem like the perfect winter glove for me.

Pulling them on for the first time, it's fair to say that my expectations are high, given the hefty price. Pleasingly, they do not disappoint. A recent 250-mile journey in constant heavy rain proved to be a baptism of fire (as it were) for them, and they didn't falter once. They stayed watertight and warm the whole way.

The fit and level of comfort is exceptional thanks to a vast array of stretch panels, and adjustability in the Velcro fasteners. The cuff fits perfectly both over leather sleeves and under textile ones. Now, as temperatures decline, the addition of a decent set of heated grips means they'll be plenty warm enough for me to use all year round without much discomfort at all.

The only problem I've encountered is with the visor-wiper putting a bit of pressure on my thumb. But after tapering the end down with a Stanley blade, they're perfect. **Lee Skellett**

