

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.

Rev'it Poseidon GTX

Jacket £580, trousers £400

www.revit.eu

Could this be your 'all year' suit?

When I first saw this suit, images of marauding adventure bikes jumping sand dunes sprang to mind. But we're in the UK and it's deepest winter, so what use could it possibly be?

The Poseidon GTX suit has proved surprisingly good at keeping me warm and completely dry. You would expect this for a suit with the latest Gore-Tex Pro 3L fabric keeping you from wind and rain, as well as a sumptuous removable thermal liner and high neck collar, but it's surprising because the main features on the front that look like pockets are in fact vents. The jacket has been designed to be used to ride from somewhere cold to somewhere hot and be able to cope with both. And, thankfully, those vents don't leak.

I am really hoping for some good weather to test the hot weather abilities. Two enormous chest vents open up, as do two on the front of your upper legs. Then there are zips to undo on your arm, too. This should enable you to keep all the protection you want without getting all hot and sweaty.

The Gore-Tex outer feels substantial and able to withstand abrasion and there is CE armour in the shoulders, elbows and knees, with pockets for hip armour and a back protector as well. The arms, waist and legs all have straps to tighten any loose fit to your size and the collar is adjustable, too.

There are two colours available: this off-white or black. I suggest that you opt for black as not only did I get swamped with Stormtrooper jokes, but it also looks filthy within a couple of wet winter trips. It will obviously wash, but you don't want a colour you are fearful of getting dirty.

The Poseidon GTX is worthy of its top-of-the-range status, but then at £1000 it has a lot of competition. As an everyday suit it's good; as an adventure suit to venture south in and keep you cool once you get there, it's brilliant. **Matt Hull**



Vents are everywhere on the jacket



Straps help tailor shape to your body

