

KIT ON TEST



Unmissable

Big, red and easily operated button toggles between the three heat levels.

Flexy fit

Stretchy panel allows for a large range of unrestricted movement, boosting comfort without compromising safety.

Visor wipe

Mounted on the back of the thumb, the visor wipe makes for easy cleaning without risking scratches from the hard armour on the knuckles.

Handy for winter

When the weather turns really cold, heated gear can make a world of difference

FURYGAN VENT SYMPATEX

■ £240 www.nevis.uk.com

THIS IS THE new waterproof heated glove from Furygan. Made mostly from goat leather with a bit of Neoprene, the Vent Sympatex is comfortable yet the construction is uncompromisingly solid.

Furygan's Heat Transfer Concept is essentially a system that heats the entire back of the hand right up to the fingertips, and lets natural airflow do the job of spreading the heat to the rest of the hand.

This concept allows the palm to be thinner than your average winter gloves, and offer plenty of feel from the bars and switchgear.

Just the thing for someone like me who would rather wear race gloves than oven gloves in winter.

But does it work? Yes. Well, sort of. While I've not felt cold, I've also never felt the need to turn the heat off the maximum setting. Then again, this is on a relatively short commute on a naked bike with no heated grips. So I'll probably be fitting some heated grips before it gets much colder. Then, they might just be perfect.

Protection comes in the form of carbonfibre knuckle armour and some padding on vulnerable parts of the palm. A large stretchy panel on the back of the hand gives a huge range of unrestricted movement. All that movement combines

with a super-furry lining to make these the nicest thing I've ever put my hands into.

Those big red buttons you'll notice on the cuffs control the three stages of heating, shown on a very clear LED display.

The battery pack is housed quite discreetly inside the cuff, giving easy access with no harmful effect on comfort. The battery pack itself is very low-profile, but still adds a small amount of bulk to the cuffs. And while I've had no problems getting the cuffs to go inside my jacket's sleeves, two of my colleagues here at RIDE have had that problem. So if you fancy a pair, it's definitely worth bearing in mind how they would fit with your jacket when trying a set on. **LS**