

**MONTHLY UPDATES ON KIT BEING USED BY THE RiDE TEAM**



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**Protection**

Carbon knuckle armour is the only hard stuff on the glove, but there are also padded and reinforced areas.

**BIKETEK HEATED CLOTHING**

■ £180 jacket, £125 gloves, £150 chaps  
www.riderz.co.uk

THESE ARE VETERANS of five winters. They are at the cheap end, so I never expected them to be as good, nor as long-lived, as they have been.

Powered by the bike, the bomber-style jacket has heated panels in the chest, back, arms and neck. It comes with a three-step controller and can get very warm.

The chaps are similar and connect to the jacket, as do the gloves, or they can be used as a standalone product.

You can feel the panels, so wearing thermals underneath is essential. And the gloves are not very comfortable. But otherwise I am really impressed by what I get for the money. **MH**



Glove comfort lets the side down



Hottest setting gives you an on-bike sauna



**KEIS X10 JACKET / A5 GLOVES**

■ £110 jacket, £100 gloves, £39 controller  
www.keisapparel.co.uk

I USE THESE separately, with the waistcoat powered by a battery pack with built-in heat control and the gloves hard wired into the bikes's electrics. This arrangement is necessary because you have to run the gloves (which have their own heat controls) off a straight 12v output.

The battery pack in the jacket has five heat levels and it will give about an hour on full blast, or eight hours on the still useful lowest setting. The gloves, though slim enough to get under most jackets, are seriously under-armoured and make my hands feel quite vulnerable. And the connections can work loose while I'm trying to get them tucked in. **AS**



High-capacity battery is tucked away neatly inside the cuff



LED display shows level at a glance

**WARM 'N' SAFE HEATED KIT**

■ £175 jacket, £125 gloves, £95 controller  
www.riderz.co.uk

THESE HEATED GLOVES have so far been properly waterproof. The soft leather isn't as tough-feeling as my Held and Dainese winter gloves, but there is a carbon knuckle protector. I connect them to the liner jacket, and connect the jacket to the bike. The jacket is a snug fit, with a heated collar.

This kit all gets seriously hot. The controller adjusts jacket and gloves independently of each other. This is the most expensive controller, mounting to the bike and using Bluetooth. It needs to be wired to the bike's battery but also has AAA batteries that need changing every year.

If you do lots of cold riding, this kit is life-changingly effective. **SW**



Not pretty, but highly effective

