

1 HJC F71 £269.99*

Lightweight, well-specified sports-touring lid
www.hjchelmets.eu

With range of colours and the option of a carbon shell should you want to spend a bit extra, the F71 is good value for money. The visor is a bit fiddly to remove but is easy to reinsert, and despite costing less than £300 the F71 has a full range of features.

HJC tend to take a very user-friendly approach with their design and the vents are all very large, making finding and operating them with a gloved hand simple. The

glasses channels are well positioned and the visor opening tab is big, again assisting location.

Comfortable to wear, too – the lining feels very plush and the fit is snug without any unwanted pressure points aside from a slight push on your temples. And as the lid is quite long, your nose doesn't come into contact with the breath deflector or integrated visor.

On the go, the F71 performs well with excellent vents and an

integrated visor that has just the right level of tint to be helpful while avoiding misting up. It feels and reacts like a well-designed lid with parts such as the visor clunking solidly into place.

Being critical, I'd say the ear area is a bit spacious, leading to a degree of wind noise, but it's nothing earplugs wouldn't eradicate. Although, our decibel meter only recorded 103.8dB, which was the lowest without vents open.

Conclusion A well-considered and impressively specified lid, the HJC F71 feels an excellent all-round package and one that pleasantly surprises you it comes in at under £300.

BENCH TEST

Weight: 1566g
Noise: 103.8dB
(vents open: 106.9dB)

THE FACTS

Shell construction: Fibreglass composite
Rating: ECE R22.06, ACU Gold
Integrated sun visor: Y
Fastening system: D-ring
Number of vents: 3
Pinlock: Supplied
Removable lining: Y
Glasses channel: Y
Intercom ready: Smart HJC
Sizes: XS-2XL (3 shells)
Colour options: White, black, graphics, carbon, carbon graphics

THE SCORES

COMFORT: ██████████
EASE OF USE: ██████████
FEATURES: ██████████
VENTS: ██████████
VISOR REMOVAL: ██████████

TOTAL **42/50**

BEST FOR
Ease of operation

'Performs well on the go with excellent vents'



INTERCOM OPTION

You can add second-gen Smart HJC (£219.99 for 21B, £349.99 for 50B) into integrated pockets within the helmet to allow you to communicate while on the move.