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LS2 Swift £79.99

Top protection, great fit, ace value. Hard to fault

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Winner of the 2020 RiDE sub-£100 sporty glove test, LS2's Swifts are a big seller for the firm – and when you look at the price and specification, that should come as no surprise.

Despite costing £79.99, they are CE 2 KP rated (like Oxford's Nexus) and the only glove to have a thumb-mounted visor wipe (left glove) as standard alongside touchscreen compatibility, abrasion-resistant panels on the palm and thumb and hard protective zones.

‘Very impressive considering low price’

With a tight medium fit (like the Richa, try before you buy), initially the Swifts feel a bit workmanlike to wear as the leather is fairly stiff and third and fourth finger join high, but they soon bed in and you can see why they sell so well.

A glove that feels very secure in its fit and reassuring, at no point do the Swifts give the impression they are a budget option, which is impressive. They are bulkier than rivals (and the heaviest glove tested),

which could make them a bit sweaty in hotter weather, but the finger vents add a welcome element of cooling.

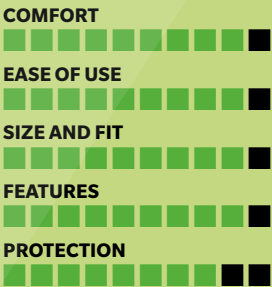
Overall, they are a very impressive product considering their low price tag. In fact, the only gripes I could find with them was slightly poor touchscreen compatibility and the finger bridge, which is quite high and I found annoying – although this would be easily cured through cutting the top piece of joining leather if you feel the same way...

Conclusion Amazing value for money, top protection levels, good features and a lovely (if a bit hot) fit. Poor touchscreen compatibility the only fault.

THE FACTS

- Construction:** Outer shell: cow/goat leather. Inner liner: polyester
- CE Rating:** 2 KP
- Palm:** Non-reinforced
- Finger seams:** External
- Fingers joined:** 3&4
- Ventilation:** Finger vents
- Wrist strap:** Velcro
- Cuff closure:** Velcro
- Protection:** Hard: knuckle, finger, wrist. Soft: scaphoid
- Features:** Pre-curved fingers, touchscreen compatibility, visor wipe, two year warranty
- Sizes:** S-2XL
- Colour options:** Black/red, black/yellow, black
- Measured weight:** 342g

THE SCORES



TOTAL 44/50



▼ Don't like the finger bridge? You could just cut it...



▲ Thumb-mounted visor wipe: a unique feature in this test

IN OR OUT?
Gloves have either outstitched or institched seams, with opinions varying on which is best. Outstitched means no internal seams to annoy or rub; institched looks neater.

WORST FOR
Touchscreens – they didn't work most of the time.