

Efficient, doesn't leak, is warm and cheap

Oxford's Omega 1.0 is a basic-looking glove with a preponderance of man-made material across the back of the hand giving it a functional rather than fashionista look.

The Omega's interior is soft, but not plush like some other gloves. The fit is snug but the thickness of the glove adds bulkiness and slight bunching at the palm.

The index finger and thumb are too long, but the touchscreen-compatible finger and thumb are very effective despite the size.

Each glove has a strip of soft, suede-like material down the side for wiping visors. Wrist and cuff Velcro fastening is strong, the right length and simply designed, although the size of the wrist padding and length of the cuff strap make it slightly awkward to fit under a jacket sleeve.

On the bike, it feels chunky but not clumsy – the fit is

good but not too tight, and it's actually easy to curl your fingers around the handlebar, despite the fat fingers. The cuffs are the largest here and the most difficult to get under a jacket sleeve, but it's not a problem and the gloves prove reasonably dexterous for pushing switchgear buttons.

In the waterproof test, the Oxford excels – it remains bone dry in all the tests – plus it's noticeably warmer than the other gloves. And it's the cheapest glove here.

VERDICT

Chunky, unshowy all-season glove that prioritises function over fashion, is completely waterproof and warm, too.

Outer material 26% leather, 35% softshell, 5% Amara, 5% neoprene, 20% synthetic. 10% PU

Lining 100% polyester with 100% TPU membrane

Overall length 31cm

CE Rating Level 1 KP

Fastening Velcro wrist and cuff straps

Armour TPU knuckle protector

Colours available Black

Time to water ingress n/a

Weight dry 146g

Weight wet 314g

Water retained 168g

Fit/comfort



Build quality



Confidence



Waterproofing



Value



Total 41/50

Unbeatable mix of waterproofing, comfort and value; the Oxford Omega isn't the sexiest glove here, but is the most effective.



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► Were bone dry
10 minutes later
- and warmer, too

► **Feel chunky, but gripping the bar is easy**