



CARBON-BASED ARMOUR

Old-school carbon fibre knuckle armour is rock hard, but the RST Fulcrum is backed up with extra padding on the wrist and palm.



► Hands stay dry, but they retained a lot of water



▲ 'Slightly cheesy', but makes them feel safe

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RECOMMENDED

2 RST Fulcrum CE £69.99

Comfortable, bone dry and a nice price

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The RST Fulcrum is a basic, functional-looking glove, with slightly cheesy 1990s-style rigid carbon fibre knuckle protection and additional padding on the finger tops, palm and top of the wrist cuff.

Standard wrist strap and cuff Velcro wraps securely to easily slide under a jacket sleeve. An easy, snug, comfortable fit.

Fingers are the right length, but the thumbs are a bit long and overall the gloves feel slightly bulky and clumsy both on and off the bike

because there's so much over-layered padding.

The index finger of both hands has a smartphone tip that doesn't extend onto the tip of the finger - it's just the pad of the finger - and as a result it's a bit hit and miss.

The palms have an extra grip panel for holding onto the handlebar, and the interior is soft and velvety.

Fingers are pre-curved with pleats, and fold around the handlebar grips easily with very little bunching at the top of the palm, so they are comfortable in

use and don't require much grip strength.

Dexterity on the bike is good, with flexibility to reach indicator buttons. The RST logos found on the cuff strap and back of the hand look reflective, but aren't particularly visible to traffic.

In the waterproofing tests, the Fulcrum doesn't leak at all and is bone dry inside even after 10 minutes' saturation - but retains a lot of water and feels weighty. The lining remains secure and the glove isn't particularly hard to re-fit with damp hands.

VERDICT

An unpretentious glove that does all the basics right, feels warm, comfortable and safe, and stays dry.

BENCH TEST

Time to water ingress	n/a
Weight dry	156g
Weight wet	270g
Water retained	114g

THE SCORES

Fit/comfort	■■■■■ ■■■■
Build quality	■■■■■ ■■■■
Confidence	■■■■■ ■■■■
Waterproofing	■■■■■ ■■■■
Value	■■■■■ ■■■■

Total **40/50**

THE FACTS

Outer material 35% nylon, 65% leather

Lining 100% polyester

Overall length 30cm

CE Rating Level 1 KP

Fastening Velcro wrist and cuff straps

Armour Carbon fibre knuckle protectors

Colours available Black

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