

1 Sidi Performer Gore-Tex £279.99

Does everything you want and more

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The Sidi Performer Gore-Tex is a narrow and slim boot, and easily the lightest here – and feels it.

There's no ankle or heel bracing, nor a massive shin pad – just a hard plastic stud on the outside ankle and around the heel.

With no exoplastics, it's a simple and classy design – with a Gore-Tex badge.

A plastic toe slider is held in with Phillips screws with Loctite on the threads, and it's adjustable – which makes no practical difference, but I appreciate it.

There's no Velcro tag on the zip, but it's longer and more vertically aligned than all the other zips, and very easy to do up.

The liner reaches all the way up the top of the boot interior but the waterproofing is 260mm off the ground – the highest here.

It's very easy to slip on, and fit is comfortable. There's plenty of room to move toes and the calf Velcro flap secures easily.

Walking around, the Performers are light, flexible, have a normal footfall, and

are comfortable with no pinching, squeezing or biting. Unlike most of the other boots, I can't feel any of the exterior features of the boot on the inside. I could wear these all day.

On the bike, they're dexterous, flexible, with plenty of feel for the levers and freedom of movement. Good grip from the soles and no pinching or tightness.

A tight seal at the top of the boot neck bodes well in the wet – and so it proved in the waterproof tests, in which there was no leakage.

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THE FACTS

Upper Synthetic

Lining Gore-Tex membrane

Closure Zip and Velcro flap

Inner boot ✗

Ankle bracing ✗

Ankle armour ✓

Shin armour ✓

Heel armour ✓

Toe slider ✓

Weight (pair) 1.58kg

Height 335mm

CE Rating 2-2-2

BENCH TEST

Time until water ingress

Spray test No ingress

Immersion test No ingress

THE SCORES

Fit/comfort



Build quality



Confidence



Waterproofing



Value



Total 43/50

VERDICT

Light, simple, stylish, comfortable, waterproof – but lacking in external bracing and support.

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SIMPLE STYLE

The Sidi Performer Gore-Tex is simple and lacks external bracing, but is light and classically stylish as a result. Comfy and waterproof, too.

BEST ALL-ROUNDER

► Waterproofing around the zip is flawless

► Venting and mesh a quality touch