



LS2 Spitfire helmet

FOR THE PRICE, this helmet is rather good. It's not as high-cut as some of the open face helmets out there and the pop down tinted visor is a really useful touch. I rode through some mild rain and the visor comes down low enough for the rain not to come up on the inside and into your eyes. But with a goggles strap at the back, you can also wear goggles.

Fit is nice, the interior feels well made, the quick release strap is easy to use and adjust and despite it being a polycarbonate lid, weighs just 1150 grammes.

Graphics £80, plain colours £70 ■ ls2helmets.com/uk/



ACF-50 anti corrosion formula

I'M NO SCIENTIST

but I've used ACF-50 for over 10 years to protect bikes and I'm still happy with it. Designed primarily to protect aircraft electronics, the formula dries to an invisible, dry finish and is totally unnoticeable once dried. You can even use it on exhausts. Unlike some other protective sprays you do need to apply regularly, but it doesn't attract dirt.

■ **£30** www.acf-50.co.uk



Garibaldi URBE men's winter gloves

NUBUCK LEATHER

(suede finish, basically) outer and a Thinsulate liner makes these docker-style gloves toasty for those colder rides. They're long enough to fit under a jacket, have a strap to keep them on if you fall off and there's even a special material on the forefinger so you can play with your touch screen phone without taking your gloves off. Not waterproof, but very warm.

■ **£51** dot4distribution.com





The Artful Bodger, by John Bradshaw and Pete Henshaw

There's a disclaimer on the front of this book that reads: 'Contains no useful information'. What it does contain is a series of amusing, yet ingenious fixes and bodes, most of which are not recommended.

Filling a punctured tyre with grass, using your rear wheel as a make-shift lathe and replacing missing gear levers with plug spanners may not get you through the MoT and may not be appealing to the law, but they could get you home, or at least closer to home. But for me, it's not a guide, but a lovely recollection of how resourceful riders used to be. A charming and amusing little book.

■ £8 ISBN 978-0-9566403-4-5

Mercury earplugs 7608

'WHAT'D YOU SAY?' I've always worn earplugs, it comes from using my bike as transport and covering long distances. Wind noise wears you down and worse, slowly destroys your hearing and can cause Tinnitus. I SAID TINNITUS.

Foam plugs work okay but I have embarrassingly small ears, so they tend to hurt. Luckily, I was at a show a couple of years back next to the Mercury stand, and they made an impression of my ears to form some plugs for me. If they make a mould, they can then use a more appropriate material to make the actual plug. They fit perfectly and contrary to those that haven't tried them, they don't stop you from hearing, they just reduce the upper and lower limit of sound. I've just had a hearing test and even at my age, with many, many miles on a bike, it's in good order. I've tried others, but these fitted most accurately, and were cheaper. Result. I SAID RESULT.

■ £60 Mercuryhearing.com



Haynes manual for modern Triumph Bonneville range, 2016-17

What can we say about Haynes manuals? 200 million sales over 50 years proves we have an appetite to tinker, repair and restore. And this manual covering the later Hinkley models is proof that despite modern electronics and more complicated engines, we still can.

Useful pictures and step by step procedures help you to understand the job and see what you need before you embark, but it can also show you if a job is a little too much before you start. The specs are also a really useful resource.

■ £25 haynes.com

Crave tool roll

This is a nice, unusual little addition to your bike. Hand-made from beautiful leather and vintage military heavy-duty canvas, it will take any number of tools. It's made for looks, but is very sturdy and the ex-Army canvas should keep your tools dry. Would make a lovely present!

■ £75
Dot4distribution.
com

