

# TRIED & TESTED

## MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT

RATINGS POOR ★ AVERAGE ★★ GOOD ★★★ VERY GOOD ★★★★ EXCEPTIONAL ★★★★★

### Dexter Marty Fifty Niner £149.99

**Tester Simon Brown, 1200 miles, four months**

OK so it might look a bit fancy dress, but this was my helmet of choice during the great heatwave of 2018. There are no high-tech vents, but the lack of visor means airflow isn't exactly a problem. Being thwacked by insects is an issue, but we're good for airflow. It looks the business too and the finish is great. I've paired it with Dexter Bincole goggles (£35.99, with interchangeable smoked and clear lenses) and the combo works a treat on my yellow and black Ducati Scrambler. The shell is fibreglass with a faux leather interior and the helmet is very light at 1000g. There are poppers for a peak and a retaining loop for goggles plus a double-D strap. It's tested to EC 22.05 but that lightweight feel makes it feel less protective than some.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
**www.sportsbikeshop.com**

No fancy vents on the Dexter

1200 MILES

Strap stops goggles pinging off

That French motto roughly translates as 'shut up and ride'

### 151's compression top £24.99

**Tester Adam Child, 12 months 10,000 miles**

In winter this tight-fitting base layer gives an extra layer of warmth, whilst in summer it helps keep you cool and allows your leathers to move around freely rather than sticking to sweaty skin. Wearing the top makes it far easier to get your leathers on and off, which I seem to be constantly doing when club racing. The makers say that the tight fit reduces the build up of lactic acid by compressing the muscles before, during and after any physical exercise. I honestly can't say I've experienced any benefit here, I just like the fact that they make wearing leathers more comfortable.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
**www.151s.co.uk**

12 MONTHS

### Michelin Power RS tyres £250

**Tested by Matt Wildee**

I sampled these on my Yamaha MT-09 SP, during which time they covered more than 3000 miles and undertook a hot day at Cadwell Park. They are a huge improvement over the standard Bridgestone S20s and make the steering beautifully light and accurate. Wet performance is decent, as is warm-up time. Wear rate is good too. The first 2000 miles were heading from Land's End to John O'Groats and back and although they squared a little it didn't affect handling. Track grip is impressive, up-to a point. If you are a club-racer-fast rider you will find some movement on corner entry and exit, but even when the rear slides it's all very friendly.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
**www.moto.michelin.co.uk**

3200 MILES

### Resurgence Rocker Classic Retro style jacket £325

**Tested by Simon Relph, three years 12,000 miles**

This jacket is reserved for the hottest summer days so has seen plenty of use during this year's scorcher. However tempting it is not to wear a jacket when the mercury rises, the Rocker gives me peace of mind thanks to the Knox CE shoulder/elbow protectors, a back protector and above all abrasion protection from the PEKEV lining, which is good to know if the worst should happen. As a jacket, the Rocker is very comfortable, flexible and unobtrusive, with effective air vents on the chest for cooling. The outer is Teflon-coated for good water resistance and to help repel dirt, which works pretty well as the jacket still looks fresh after three years' use. This is a cool, light and well-designed bit of kit.

**Quality rating ★★★★★**  
**Value rating ★★★★★**  
**resurgencegear.net**

Cool looks plus crash protection

3 YEARS

Retro looks, modern performance

There's adjustment for a snug fit

### Alpine Baby Muffy £24

**Tester Baby Angus/Emma Franklin**

The only ear defenders to be CE approved for babies and toddlers. Simple design sees two foam-lined ear cups held in place with an elasticated headband, which 14-month-old baby Angus seems less inclined to pull off than traditional ear defenders. Easy to get on and off via the Velcro closure on the strap, the Baby Muffy appears to be very effective – ideal if your little one's big into bike racing. Suitable from three months to eight years old.

**Quality ★★★★★**  
**Value ★★★★★**  
**www.alpinehearingprotection.co.uk**

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