



OVERALL
33/55
RATING

£200/£180 Texport Technica/Pant 1

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13™ POOR waterproofing performance and low marks in the burst test drop this suit towards the bottom of the 16 on test.



ABRASION: 14/15 BURST: 0/10 IMPACT: 8/10 WARMTH: 8/10 WATERPROOFING: 3/10



OVERALL
31/55
RATING

£105/£79 Ixon Nirvana/Luna

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Ladies specific fit

14™ THE protection is below average and there are disappointing scores in warmth and waterproofing tests, too.



ABRASION: 14/15 BURST: 0/10 IMPACT: 8/10 WARMTH: 5/10 WATERPROOFING: 4/10



OVERALL
31/55
RATING

£175/£130 Spyke Typhoon WP/Spin

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14™ WATERPROOF and warmth scores were the letdowns for this suit, which also gave our road tester some niggles.



ABRASION: 13/15 BURST: 0/10 IMPACT: 8/10 WARMTH: 6/10 WATERPROOFING: 4/10



OVERALL
23/55
RATING

£100 Tech 7 Saturn

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16™ THE cheapest suit on test also finished bottom in the scoring, with below-par scores in protection, warmth and waterproofing



ABRASION: 8/15 BURST: 2/10 IMPACT: 6/10 WARMTH: 4/10 WATERPROOFING: 3/10

| POSITION | ALL-WEATHER SUITS RESULTS | PRICE | CRASH /25 | WARMTH /10 | W/PROOF /10 | TOTAL /55 |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | Halvarssons Safety | £900 | 35 | 10 | 9 | 54 |
| 2 | Hein Gericke Cruise | £450 | 32 | 10 | 9 | 51 |
| 3 | Teknic Sequoia/Sprint | £250 | 25 | 8 | 10 | 43 |
| 4 | Smug Vanquish/Dragon | £210 | 26 | 8 | 7 | 41 |
| 5 | Rev'IT Cayenne/Ultimate | £470 | 27 | 8 | 5 | 40 |
| 5 | Alpinestars Jet Road Gore-Tex | £500 | 24 | 8 | 8 | 40 |
| 7 | Held Azuma/Nelix | £230 | 26 | 5 | 7 | 38 |
| 8 | Triumph Evo II/Tornado | £360 | 23 | 4 | 10 | 37 |
| 9 | Lewis Lady Kate | £180 | 22 | 8 | 6 | 36 |
| 9 | Frank Thomas Full Force Aqua | £190 | 23 | 5 | 8 | 36 |
| 9 | Spada Salerno/Pablo | £200 | 25 | 6 | 5 | 36 |
| 12 | Weise Nimbus/NRG | £170 | 26 | 5 | 4 | 35 |
| 13 | Texport Technica/Pant 1 | £380 | 22 | 8 | 3 | 33 |
| 14 | Ixon Nirvana/Luna | £184 | 22 | 5 | 4 | 31 |
| 14 | Spyke Typhoon WP/Spin | £305 | 21 | 6 | 4 | 31 |
| 16 | Tech 7 Saturn | £100 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 23 |

The verdict



HEIN GERICKE'S suit isn't cheap at £450, but it gets a cracking result in our test and is so far ahead of the other 'normal' suits that it picks up our Best Buy award. It scored highly on protection, took maximum marks for warmth and only a tiny amount of water defeating the collar stopped it taking a full house in that test, too.

We call the Hein Gericke suit 'normal' because it's beaten in the test by an interesting newcomer in the shape of Swedish firm Halvarssons' Safety suit. It's designed to meet Euro safety standards and, unsurprisingly, does well in our test. It gets a coveted RIDE Recommended triangle for its high protective qualities.

But you have to buy it by mail order from Sweden until a British dealer network is established next spring, it costs £900 and there are considerations around the bulk and weight of the suit. Hence it doesn't get the Best Buy triangle.

The Teknic Sequoia/Sprint combination for women also gets a Recommended as it does well in protection, warmth and waterproof tests and is also a suit that actually fits the female form rather than just saying it will.

Tony Hoare **Product tester**

Top tips

Wear gloves and boots on the inside

Forgive us if we're teaching you to suck eggs here, but putting cuffs over your gloves and trousers over your boots stops rain running inside and reaching your hands and feet. Make sure you can get both over your gloves and boots.

Waterproofing is crucial

Wet skin loses heat 25 times faster than dry skin, so waterproof kit will also be warm kit.

Get yourself some technical underwear

Cotton absorbs sweat and sticks to your skin, so you lose heat. Modern materials wick sweat away from the skin so you stay warm.

Armour

This should stay in place, covering your joints. Look for tightening straps to get a closer fit. Sit on a bike to make sure the armour stays in the right place.

Connecting zip

Look for a full-circumference connecting zip to attach the trousers to the jacket.