

## Comfy and a bargain

**Pharao Robson boots**  
£69.99

[www.sportsbikeshop.co.uk](http://www.sportsbikeshop.co.uk)

**THE CLAIM** "Microfibre boot with waterproof membrane, protective inserts and dual buckle fastening."

**THE REALITY** Another SportsbikeShop exclusive, these short adventure/touring boots from Pharao are a proper bargain, at less than £70. They're fairly chunky and, initially at least, stiff, which is reassuring rather than annoying but does mean that they are better suited to something that doesn't necessarily need finesse, like a large tourer or adventurer



rather than a sportsbike. Grip from the sole is good though feel is diminished and they are comfortable and reasonably sweat-free. In the brief rainstorm we tried them in, they proved to be waterproof as well, with more testing to come.

## Versatile rucksack

**SW-Motech Pro Cosmo rucksack** £122

[www.sw-motech.co.uk](http://www.sw-motech.co.uk)

**THE CLAIM** "Designed for day-long comfort and packed with practical features for motorcyclists, SW-Motech's new Pro Cosmo backpack is the perfect weekend travelling companion and weekday workhorse."

**THE REALITY** I'm not normally a fan of rucksacks that use centre-fastened straps but this one seems to work well. It's not massive, with a capacity of 17 litres, but it is big enough for a laptop and a T-shirt and jeans if you ride in to the office. Or a hydration pack, waterproof and tools if you're out on the trails at the weekend. It is comfortable and has kept water out in the rain we have encountered and is stable and close-fitting. It's also easy enough to adjust between wearing a jacket and without.



## Security and convenience

**Quad Lock MAG** From £31.99

[www.quadlockcase.co.uk](http://www.quadlockcase.co.uk)

**THE CLAIM** "The Quad Lock MAG range includes new cases, two new car mounts and an expanded desk range. Quad Lock MAG makes mounting your phone faster."

**THE REALITY** The new Quad Lock MAG cases are thinner and flatter than the predecessors and will still work with your existing bike mounts as before. The difference is with a range of other quick-release mounts, such as for your desk or in the car or van. You just offer the phone, in its case, up to the mount and the magnets pull it in and hold it securely. You wouldn't rely on it on the bike, where the company's huge range of mounts still works but in less extreme conditions, it works really well and adds a layer of ease of use when you're away from the bike.

## UNDER £100

**Ultimate Add Ons balaclava** £24.99

[www.ultimateaddons.com](http://www.ultimateaddons.com)

**THE CLAIM**

"Ultimateaddons new balaclava has been designed to allow the user to breathe and hear better than a normal balaclava."

**THE REALITY** This balaclava is formed in Dryarn to wick moisture away from the skin yet help keep your head warm. It's comfortable even with a seam down the centre and has panels over the mouth and the ears. You'll hardly know you're wearing it. Good value for the quality.



**Muc-Off kickstand pad** £4.99

[www.muc-off.com](http://www.muc-off.com)

**THE CLAIM** "Our new Motorcycle Kickstand Pad is designed to stop your kickstand slipping or sinking."

**THE REALITY** A simple idea done well. It's an ABS plastic pad to spread the load of your sidestand over the cross shape. The lips locate on the foot of the stand, keeping it in the pad as you lower the bike. There's also a hole to fix it to a lanyard. Well worth a fiver.

**Defender garage alarm**  
£14.99

[www.defendersecurityproducts.co.uk](http://www.defendersecurityproducts.co.uk)

**THE CLAIM** "The Defender Shock Contact Alarm is a dual-function, wire-free alarm that protects sheds and garages."

**THE REALITY** The alarm is triggered by vibration or movement of the magnetic contact and is easily loud enough to alert you so you can call the police if someone has a go at your garage. For £15, a bargain.

