

Two-piece waterproof oversuits



Alpinestars Quick Seal Out Jacket and trousers £89.99

www.alpinestars.com

Benefits from an extended storm flap over the front jacket zip, as well as a Velcro neck strap. There's good overlap from jacket to trousers, and while the Velcro boot extenders allow for more adjustment than the Triumph suit's zipped ones, these lack neatness. The jacket cuffs also lack the grip of the Triumph suit when located over the glove, soon pulling back up the arm.

There aren't any pockets, though with taped seams this proved 100 per cent waterproof. Not perfect, but commendable.

Scores

Waterproofing	4/4
Functionality	2/3
Ease of use	2/3
TOTAL	8/10

Held Wet Tour Jacket £84.99, trousers £59.99

www.held.de

This PU-coated breathable jacket with bonded seams is easy to put on. The cuffs are elastic with a Velcro strap and stay secure. There are two pockets on the outside, one on the inside. None of the zips have storm flaps; they are all water-resistant zips. The jacket could do with being a little longer, with the waist featuring more elastic. The high cut of the trousers does give an overlap, but not quite enough. The trousers are easy to get on and off and are well tailored. Not cheap, but a very good quality summer shower suit that can just as easily be worn away from the bike.

Scores

Waterproofing	4/4
Functionality	2/3
Ease of use	3/3
TOTAL	9/10



Weise Stratus Jacket £34.99, trousers £22.99

www.thekeycollection.co.uk

This nylon suit with taped and welded seams has a rubbery texture and fits quite snugly, with a waist belt to reduce flapping. There are two external pockets, plus one inside the storm flap. The drawstring around the jacket's waist could be more effective, though there's plenty of overlap with the high-cut trousers. Trousers are easy to get on, and have a pocket on the right thigh. The flaw is the elasticated jacket cuffs, riding up when used with summer gloves.

However, in our tests the suit proved 100 per cent waterproof.

Scores

Waterproofing ..	4/4
Functionality ...	1/3
Ease of use	2/3
TOTAL	7/10

Tucano Urbano Light Diluvio Jacket and trousers £54.99

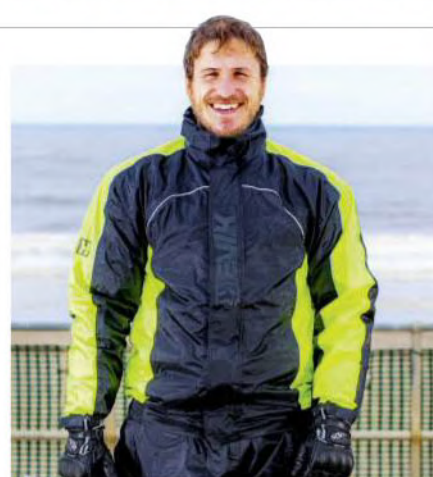
www.tucanourbano.com

This lightweight jacket is much longer than the others, offering good overlap and two deep pockets on the outside, plus one on the inside. The Velcro elasticated cuffs work well and the removable hood can be worn under the helmet. The trousers have a wide flare and once fastened fit snugly. Main zip on the jacket could feel

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Ease of use	3/3
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sturdier. What with the loose fit, this is a good choice for commuters and scooter riders.



Hevik Dry Vision Jacket and trousers £54.99

www.hevik.co.uk

Jacket has an integrated hood, which can be worn under a helmet. There's a good storm flap over the main zip, and the overlap between jacket and trousers is good. Jacket cuffs would benefit from more elastic, though the trousers are easy to get on and off thanks to a generous Velcro flap. The suit is hot, perhaps too much for summer, though it has a vent across the back. The jacket let some water in through the armpit.

Scores

Waterproofing ..	1/4
Functionality	2/3
Ease of use	2/3
TOTAL	5/10



Oxford Rain Seal All Weather Jacket £24.99, trousers £19.99

www.oxprod.com

These fully lined waterproofs are excellent quality for the price. They feature adjustable cuffs, a Velcro waist strap and water-resistant seams, resulting in a 100 per cent pass rate. The material feels good quality, there's reflective piping on the arms, and the trousers are easy to get on with both Velcro strap and zip fastening. The jacket is light and spacious, with an elastic drawstring along the bottom. A soft collar with a Velcro strap, a decent storm flap and a handy pocket all mean that for £45 this Oxford kit is hard to beat.

Scores

Waterproofing	4/4
Functionality	2/3
Ease of use	2/3
TOTAL	8/10



GREAT FOR PACKING LIGHT



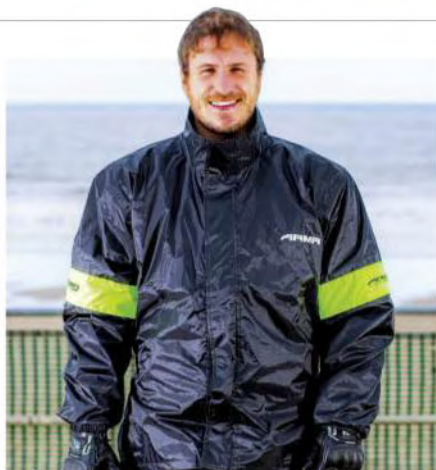
Triumph Rain Jacket £39, trousers £29

www.triumphmotorcycles.co.uk

An excellent shower suit, with a decent amount of overlap between trouser and jacket. The flare in the trousers allows plenty of clearance over a chunky boot and once zipped up doesn't billow in the wind. The elasticated jacket cuffs fit well over gloves and remain secure, though a Velcro neck fastener would have been handy, as would larger storm flaps over the zips. The jacket folds into an internal rear pouch, with room for the trousers making for a very small pack size, like a bag of sugar. All in all a well priced and good quality bit of kit, with the taped seams proving to be 100 per cent waterproof.

Scores

Waterproofing	4/4
Functionality	2/3
Ease of use	3/3
TOTAL	9/10



ARMR Overjacket Jacket £29.99, trousers £14.99

www.tri-motive.com

The ARMR jacket is a decent no-frills piece of kit. A good storm flap, elastic around the back and high collar all keep the elements out. It would benefit from an internal pocket, though the mesh liner does a good job of keeping you cool. It's also lightweight and packs down small. However, the trousers let this two-piece down.

As well as leaking in our test, they don't have a wide enough flare, and the crotch split the first time we took them off.

Scores

Waterproofing ..	1/4
Functionality	1/3
Ease of use	2/3
TOTAL	4/10

Alpinestars Racing Rain 2-Piece Oversuit £129.99

www.alpinestars.com

More specialist than the rest, intended for racing and designed to fit over leathers. The suit is a mix of transparent PVC and stretch Lycra. The suit proved waterproof at the crotch - less so at the armpit - though it never was going to be the most protective, not with the holes for knee-sliders. The tight fit at the ankles means it has to fit inside the boot, leaving water to potentially flow down to your feet. The trousers take time to get on and off, but if trackdays or racing are your thing then this suit is a must for all-season riding.

Scores

Waterproofing ..	1/4
Functionality ...	1/3
Ease of use	1/3
TOTAL	3/10



Buffalo Sabre Jacket £36.99, trousers £24.99

www.thekeycollection.co.uk

A quilted two-piece suit that's warm in winter, but perhaps too bulky and hot for summer conditions. There are two external pockets, a good overlap between jacket and trousers, and a decent storm flap. However, the elastic is too loose in the jacket cuff, easily pulling back over the glove, and the trouser waist would benefit from a

drawstring. Given the kit's performance in the waterproof test, it can't be recommended.

Scores

Waterproofing ..	0/4
Functionality	1/3
Ease of use	2/3
TOTAL	3/10

One-piece waterproof oversuits



RECOMMENDED

GREAT FOR COMFORT

Richa Typhoon Rain Overall £39.99

www.nevis.uk.com

Short in the leg but otherwise easy to get on, comfortable, with plenty of room to stretch. The collar is snug, while elastic and Velcro-strapped cuffs squeeze over a glove easily. The integrated storage bag – stowing away on the left breast – is somewhat bulky, with a strap designed so you can carry the bundle around your waist. Other than that, this a great-value suit, especially given its perfect performance in the waterproof test.

Scores

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Functionality	2/3
Ease of use	3/3
TOTAL	9/10

Held Monsun Rainsuit £100

www.held.de

The most expensive suit here and it shows. It goes on effortlessly, there are lengthy flare zips to get over the boot, and a perfect amount of stretch in the material to easily get it over your shoulders. For anyone struggling with movement, this is the one to get. The cuffs have an inner and outer, for a perfect seal around the glove. The suit also has a pocket inside the storm flap, good reflective panels, and it feels like it's built to last.

Scores

Waterproofing	4/4
Functionality	3/3
Ease of use	3/3
TOTAL	10/10



GREAT FOR BEST-VALUE PROTECTION



Buffalo Mistral Suit £44.99

www.thekeycollection.co.uk

A poor suit. The mesh in the upper part of the body gets tangled and caught up on the Velcro, making the arms difficult to get in. There's not enough flare on the trousers either, with some of the material ripping the first time we put it on. The suit also allowed water ingress in our testing too. For this money, there are better suits out there.

Scores

Waterproofing ..	1/4
Functionality ...	1/3
Ease of use	1/3
TOTAL	3/10



Oxford Rain Seal Suit £39.99

www.oxprod.com

This half-lined Oxford suit is not only baggy in all the wrong places, but also tight in all the wrong places too. Around the front of the crotch and belly there's a lot of sag, while in the shoulders, buttock and trouser bottoms there's a tightness that makes the suit liable to splitting. After Oxford's excellent two-piece set these are disappointing.

Scores

Waterproofing ..	2/4
Functionality	1/3
Ease of use	2/3
TOTAL	5/10



Tuzo Waterproof Suit £39.99

www.mandp.co.uk

This Tuzo one-piece is an unlined suit, which folds up into a handy integral storage pouch located on the back. However it proved annoyingly tricky to get on, due to a mesh liner throughout that made getting a boot through the leg difficult. With the poor score in our waterproof tests, this suit is probably one that's best avoided.

Scores

Waterproofing ..	0/4
Functionality	1/3
Ease of use	1/3
TOTAL	2/10

Held Splash Rainsuit £54.99

www.held.de

After Held's more expensive suit, the material loses its stretch, the flare in the trouser isn't as great and the twin-cuff design is gone. The suit is still easy enough to get over a boot, and once it's on it offers plenty of stretch over riding kit. It features 3M Scotchlite reflectors, a handy zip inside the storm flap and a comfortable collar. Only the tight elastic around the cuff lets it down, making it hard to get the cuff over your gloves. If you can afford to stretch to the Monsun it's worth it.

Scores

Waterproofing .. 4/4

Functionality 2/3

Ease of use 2/3

TOTAL 8/10



Weise Tempest Neon Suit £54.99 (£52.99 in black)

www.thekeycollection.co.uk

Has a waterproof nylon construction with taped and welded seams, 3M Scotchlite reflectors, a corduroy-lined collar, elasticated waist, a mesh-lined top half, a single thigh pocket with Velcro closure, and a reasonable price. Your arms get caught in the mesh, however, and the press-stud fasteners to take in the trousers are less secure than the zips on other suits. The sleeves could also use some Velcro fasteners.

Scores

Waterproofing .. 4/4

Functionality 2/3

Ease of use 2/3

TOTAL 8/10



RST Waterproof suit £49.99

www.rst-moto.com

This needs to be ordered at least one size, if not two, above what you'd normally take, or it has the appearance of an Elvis impersonator's Las Vegas jumpsuit. It is more fitted than the rest, with plenty of elastic in the waist, good cuffs, and a comfortable collar. The trouser bottoms open wide but your boots keep catching on the lining. The RST proved easy to get off, with a waist pouch included for storage when not in use. The RST passed all our waterproof tests.

Scores

Waterproofing .. 4/4

Functionality 2/3

Ease of use 2/3

TOTAL 8/10



THE *RIDE* VERDICT

WE WERE HUGELY impressed by the quality and variety of oversuits available at a reasonable price.

The last time we did a proper comparison test of oversuits we ended up with a handful of good suits and a lot of soggy testers, disappointed by the poor performance of too many of the suits on offer. This time around the standard was much higher, without it always being the most expensive suits that were the most attractive.

So we're in the happy position of being able to recommend a good variety of one- and two-piece suits. Then it's over

to you to decide whether your priority is a simple, lightweight suit that packs down very small, or something with a bit more substance – with pockets, or perhaps more of a lining that can offer some warmth too.

If you think of motorcycle clothing as a layering system, then a waterproof oversuit can be for all year round, not just for summer. Worn over an armoured layer, and other layers for comfort and temperature regulation, an oversuit can provide all the waterproofing you need. Just make sure you buy one that's big enough to go over all those other layers.



▲ "That's 18 suits tested - time for a shower..."



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