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1. ORTLEIB D-FENDER

£75

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Funky backpack from luggage specialists Ortleib. Features include tough 100 per cent waterproof PD620 outer body construction, an even tougher waterproof zip, foam back with air channels, padded shoulder straps and adjustable chest strap. It comes in either white or black, both have a reflective section, for added safety.

2. SHARK 5800

£159.99

01425 273344 www.nevism.co.uk

Mid-range lid from French manufacturers Shark. Full of features, including: injected thermoplastic resin shell, multi-element internal shock-absorber, anti-UV lacquer finish. Dual treated [anti-scratch/anti-fog] Total Vision 2.2mm visor with Slide Lock quick-release fastening system. Flush Touch One opening vents. Side Venturi effect air extractors and a fully removable and washable interior in microfibre fabric. Available in various jazzy colour schemes and sizes.

3. MUDGUARD EXTENDER

FROM £13

www.nippynormans.com

Keep muck off your motor with these neat little mudguard extenders from Nippy Normans. Black thermo-formed plastic construction, all necessary fittings including double sided tape and black self-tapping screws for a near invisible fit. Once fitted, they increase the length of the mudguard by over five inches. This one fits the R1200GS, but Norman has them for a plethora of Beemer models.

4. CONVERTIBARS

£239.99

01256 704909 www.motohaus.com

Innovative new adjustable handlebar system, enabling the rider to fully customise riding position to suit riding style, comfort and mood. Together, the handlebar and the clamp allow a double-jointed articulation, giving movement up and down and closer to or further from the rider. Can be used with or without extended cables, without permanent alterations to the fairing and maintaining the standard steering locks. Available for a large range of machines and as a universal fitment too.

5. TCX COMPETIZIONE S GORE-TEX

£189.99

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Race styled road boot, with the benefits of waterproofing, from Italian manufacturers TCX (formerly Oxtar). Full grain leather construction, Gore-Tex membrane, polyurethane shin plate, shift pad, toe and rear sliders plus an anti bacterial, reinforced foot bed and oil/petrol resistant out sole. Available in black only, sizes 38-49.

6. ARC-ON 3/4 CORDURA

£130

www.arc-on.co.uk

As the name suggests, a three-quarter length textile jacket from new UK based clothing importer arc-on. 100 per cent Cordura outer shell (windproof and waterproof), removable Knox armour on elbows, shoulders, back, breathable, zip-out, gilet quilted lining and a micro-fleece lined, rolled collar are just some of the features you get. Just the job for year round riding, as long as you like black that is, that's the only colour it comes in.

7. KEIS X4

£79.99

01256 704909 www.motohaus.com

Heated vests are an essential bit of kit for the winter rider, this one from Keis is a bit more versatile than the average, as it can be powered from your bike's battery or from the optional Li-ion battery. Its lightweight construction means it can be worn under textile or leather, the heating elements are centred in the crucial kidney and chest areas and it can even be washed. Available in sizes S-XL, and comes with a 12-month warranty.



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