

RICHA ATLANTIC GTX

£649.99

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I'm a big fan of Richa, the Belgian company has been manufacturing motorcycle clothing since 1956 and in that 62 years it has become one of the most well-known brands in Europe. The brand's success in the UK isn't quite as strong as on the mainland, but I'm yet to find a product from Richa that I've not enjoyed wearing. The Atlantic GTX is their entry into this review, a laminated textile jacket that was released in 2017 and marketed as 'the Swiss knife reinvented', a nod to the suitability of the garment for all weather conditions.

With that in mind, the Atlantic GTX is the cheapest jacket in this group test to make use of a GoreTex membrane to provide waterproofing. This is the first jacket in Richa's range to make use of the material (previously, only the company's gloves made use of it), and the peace of mind that comes from using the membrane is welcome (Gore demands strict quality control from any brand that makes use of its technology).

Continuing with the theme of weather protection, the Atlantic comes complete with a very good thermal lining, which is one of the best I've come across in a motorcycle jacket. Rather than being an afterthought, the lining is a whole product in itself, being a very warm and fashionable jacket when worn by itself.

For warm weather riding, the jacket comes well-equipped with two large chest vents that are secured open with magnets. It's a very simple system to use (almost identical to that found on the Rev'it Horizon 2), and they allow a lot of air to permeate the jacket. These are complemented by an exhaust vent, though it's small when compared to those found on other jackets, and doesn't draw air through quite as well.

You also get two generously-sized,



PROS

- ✓ EXCELLENT THERMAL LINER
- ✓ LARGE CHEST VENTS
- ✓ HUGE POCKETS

CONS

- ✗ SMALL EXHAUST VENT

waterproof hip pockets, an internal chest pocket and a few pouches on the inside in which you can store your phone. The cut of the jacket is spot on for touring, and the

jacket doesn't ride up when in the saddle.

IN A LINE A very good touring jacket that's well designed and well made.

