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Metal buckle

It's a neat old-school touch, but that metal buckle could easily scratch your petrol tank.



Richa Bonneville

Price £179 Info www.nevis.uk.com

At £180, the Richa is one of the cheaper armoured wax jackets on the market. Richa may not be famous for waxed cotton but don't let that or the price put you off – the cut of the Bonneville is superb, putting several more expensive jackets to shame.

It comes with CE-approved armour in the shoulders, elbows and back, yet when you're off the bike you don't look lumpy or awkward.

The Bonneville has really endeared itself to me. It has remained properly waterproof throughout any journey so far,

it's incredibly comfortable in all weathers (with or without its thermal liner), and for me the cut is better than both the Belstaff and Barbour.

The downsides? Like all waxed cotton jackets, the wax makes you feel slimy the first few times you wear it; best to avoid white sofas.

Also, that thick material is breathable but there are limits – on hot days you need to loosen your zip to get a cooling breeze. But that's about it – the Bonneville is a brilliant everyday biking jacket.

Matt Hull



Scores

Comfort	9
Bad weather	9
Good weather	8
Practicality	8
TOTAL	34/40