

Over the past few years, I've had some great times in the saddle in TCX boots. I've been wearing the company's extravagant Competition Evo boots for most of my green laning exploits, and so I was very excited to try the Drifter out. They're adventurous by name and adventurous by design, rising high up the leg with a brash shin guard, and the wet stuff is kept out by an included waterproof membrane, which is genuinely waterproof. The main thing that sold me on these boots, though, was their devilishly good looks.

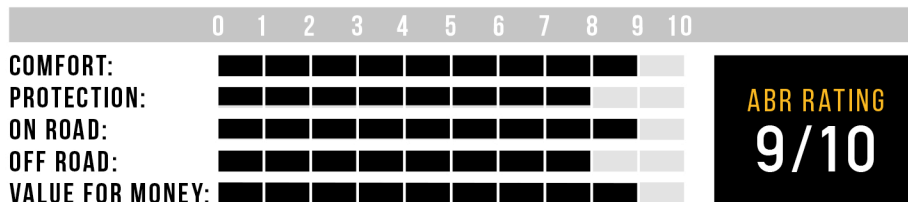
They're made from a beautiful vintage brown leather, and they look like they could have come straight off the set of Mad Max. But looks isn't all these are good for. With chunky polyurethane shin guards, decent ankle armour and reinforced toe cap and heel cups, these boots offer a brilliant amount of protection. And it doesn't seem to come with too much of a compromise to comfort.

They're a little stiff when you first slip in to them, but after a few days of use the comfort provided is excellent, and it appears that this

is largely down to something that TCX has termed its Comfort Fit System. Essentially, the boots have been created around a new mould that more accurately represents the shape of the foot, providing enhanced comfort. This, along with a nice amount of padding around the shins and ankles, makes for a delightful wear for extended periods of time.

The sole unit is also spot on, offering a great amount of grip both on and off-road, and I had no problems with feeling my bike's pegs too much when stood on them.

IN A LINE TCX has excelled, and the Drifter is an excellent adventure boot.



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