

TRIED & TESTED

MCN STAFF RATE THEIR RIDING KIT

RATINGS

POOR ★

AVERAGE ★★


GOOD ★★★

VERY GOOD ★★★★

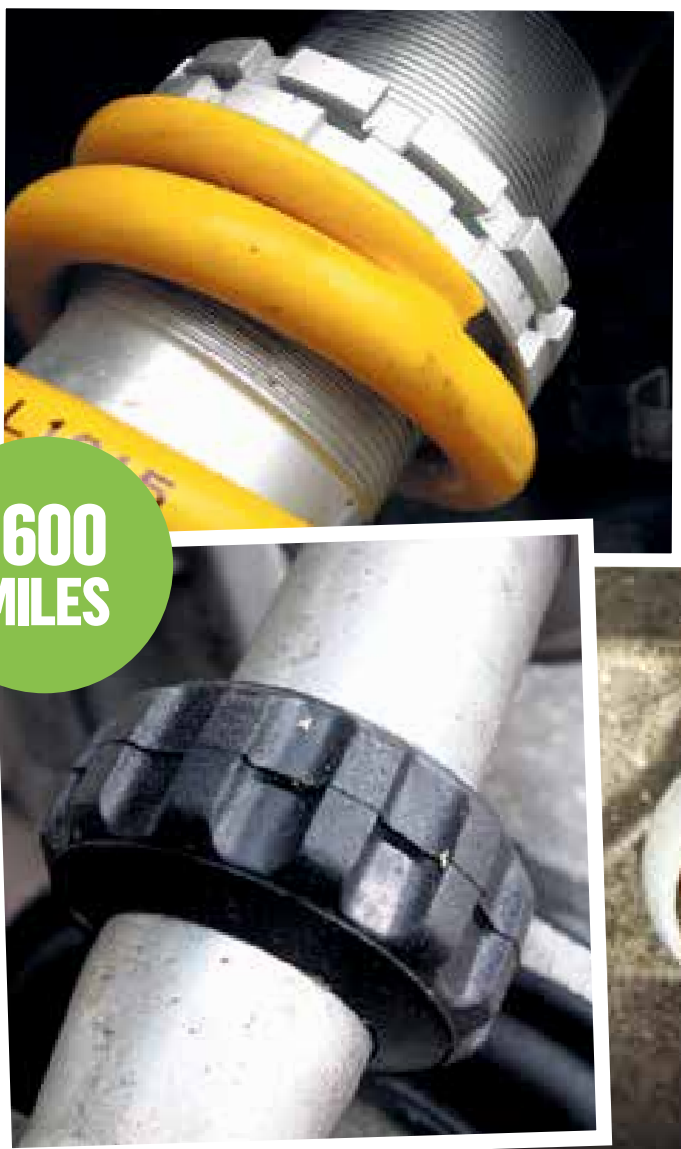
EXCEPTIONAL ★★★★★

Öhlins STX 46 Street shock £520

Tested by Simon Relph, 10 months

 Öhlins graces some of the world's best-handling and most advanced motorcycles, but your bike doesn't need to be modern or advanced in order to benefit. The Street Line range is designed as an upgrade on street bikes from MT-07s to old Beemers, so I decided to give it a go on my venerable R100R. The shock was fitted at BMW specialist Motorworks (www.motorworks.co.uk) which involved a 250-mile round trip to West Yorkshire. We had a little difficulty getting the old shock off, but the STX46 went on easily. Preload is easily adjusted using the C-spanner supplied and rebound is set using the black wheel just above the bottom mounting eyelet. The ride back was unbelievable. Cornering had become a joy, no more diving or wallowing, just a constant firm feedback of what the bike was doing under me. What a transformation. It's not cheap but if you love your bike and want to improve its handling, it's well worth it.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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1600 MILES



You don't need to own an old bike to benefit