

Knox Zero 2 gloves

£129.99 www.planet-knox.com

Winter gloves that also offer proper protection

Knox have just released these new top-of-the-range winter gloves and so far I'm really impressed. Too many so-called winter gloves are designed to keep you warm while totally ignoring safety issues, but the new Zero 2 gloves offer a goat leather outer for abrasion resistance, with hard knuckle armour for impact protection, plus the scaphoid protection slider system that Knox invented and have evolved over the years.

All of Knox's other road gloves feature a Boa ratchet mechanism around the wrist to secure the glove, but this is gone for the Zero 2 to allow the glove to be tucked inside a jacket sleeve for everyday use.

The gloves feel just the right side of bulky: they're thick but still supple, thanks to soft materials. The goat leather has a breathable Outdry waterproof and windproof layer bonded to the inside, stopping water from building up. And the inside has so far stayed sweat-free, proving the breathable nature. They are warm and with heated grips they're all I've need so far this winter down to 1°C.

Despite all the armour, it's undetectable when riding; the Zero 2 gives great feel despite the thickness. Other neat touches include liberal amounts of reflective material on the fingers and thumbs, grippy material on the palm and tips of the fingers, and a very effective visor wiping blade on the left thumb. Warm, dry, comfy and protective: a great winter glove. **MH**



Outer layer is goat skin, with a waterproof membrane on it



Knox have kept their scaphoid protection but removed the bulky gauntlet to get under sleeves



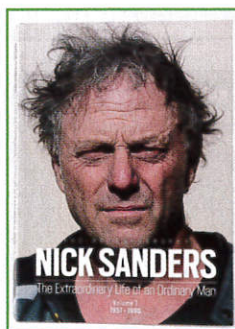
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The Autobiography Nick Sanders

Author **Nick Sanders**
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www.nicksanders.com

In between his many planet-lapping trips, Nick Sanders has produced various DVDs and books – several of them with a strong autobiographical element. But this new 400-pager – volume one, with more to come – is a very different beast. It goes



into really personal detail about the early pre-motorcycling experiences that made Sanders so restless and hungry for new experiences. **CO** ★★★★★☆

Girl Meets Bike

Director **Eric Tretbar**
Price **\$25**
girlmeetsbikemovie.com

This is a low-budget feature film from Minneapolis about a woman who stops being a tame, pillion-riding school teacher and becomes a Moto Guzzi-riding sex beast. All things considered it's a rather curious film, its script lacking spark and overall lacking in many of the dramatic essentials but with some really cool café



racer-ish bikes and a very decent soundtrack. Not a cinematic classic by any stretch of the imagination, but worth checking out. **CO** ★★★★★☆