



BEST FOR WARMTH

OUTDOOR DESIGNS TAKUSTRETCH

Price £20 **Weight** 57g (pair, size M)

Thumbs up! Highly breathable and quick-drying, made from Polartec Wind Pro Stretch and with Hardface Technology (claimed to be 4 times more wind-resistant than standard fleece). Won an Apex Award for most innovative use of Polartec fabrics.

Sizes S-XL

Stockists (01773) 607224; www.outdoordesigns.co.uk

BEST FOR DURABILITY

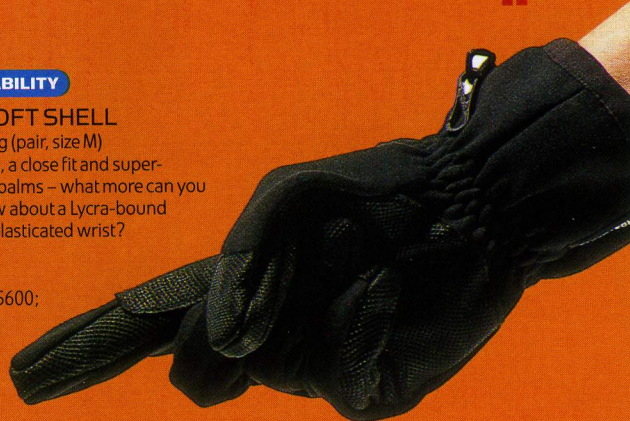
BERGHAUS SOFT SHELL

Price £30 **Weight** 88g (pair, size M)

Thumbs up! Warmth, a close fit and super-hard-wearing grippy palms – what more can you ask for in a glove? How about a Lycra-bound opening and double elasticated wrist? Oh all right then...

Sizes S-XL

Stockists (0191) 516 5600; www.berghaus.com



YEAR-ROUND GLOVES

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR THIS LITTLE ASSORTMENT...

BEST FOR WEIGHT

EXTREMITIES WINDY LITE PRO

Price £15 **Weight** 25g (pair, size S)

Thumbs up! Ultralight Windstopper material offering a close fit ideal for fast action sports. Highly breathable and water-resistant. Also features a relaxed fit and low-bulk cuff.

Sizes S-L

Stockists (01773) 833300; www.terra-nova.co.uk

BEST FOR TRADITIONALISTS

SMARTWOOL LINER GLOVE

Price £12.95

Weight 41g (pair, size M)

Thumbs up! With all the fancy materials on the market, it's refreshing to see a good old woollen version (100% Smartwool knit). Can be used on its own, or inside another glove for extra warmth.

Sizes S-L

Stockists (0131) 221 2200; www.anatom.co.uk



BEST FOR LOOKING COOL

EXTREMITIES VELO

Price £22 **Weight** 72g (pair, size M)

Thumbs up! The sort of glove you want to show off. Features Windstopper membrane to aid warmth, yet still offers breathability. There's a soft fleecy lining, with a one-handed cuff closure. The cool dots are durable PVC for extra grip.

Sizes S-XL

Stockists (01773) 833300; www.terra-nova.co.uk



BEST FOR HANDS ON ROCK

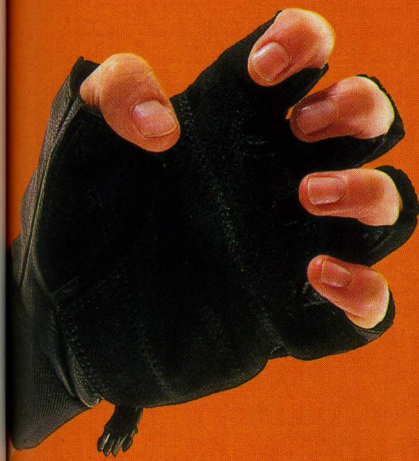
LOWE ALPINE FERRATA

Price £30 **Weight** 80g (pair, size M)

Thumbs up! This gangster-stylee glove has a super-strong suede leather reinforcement on the palms, with a mesh fabric on the upper for great ventilation. It's our number one choice for nose-picking too!

Sizes XS-XL

Stockists (01539) 740840; www.lowealpine.com



BEST FOR WINDPROOFNESS

TREK MATES BIG WALL GLOVE

Price £25 **Weight** 75g (pair, size M)

Thumbs up! Windstopper Soft Shell for maximum protection from wind and cold. Includes Matrix palm patches for extra grip and precurved fingers to aid comfort.

Sizes S-XL

Stockists (0115) 956 8616; www.trekmates.co.uk



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