

Emergency Shell

£89.99

SPECIFICATION: Weight: 155g / endura.co.uk.

Two years in development with Olympian Oli Beckingsale, Endura's stripped-back MTR range is targeted at the serious cross-country and trail rider. Weighing a featherweight 155g, the new MTR Emergency jacket is as minimal as possible — just a waterproof and breathable shell with a high neck to keep the chill and rain out.

The waterproof rating is the same as Endura's 2.5 layer Helium jacket but the MTR packs down into an even smaller, can-of-lager-sized roll — easily stufferable in a jersey pocket. Despite the racy, close-fitted shape the jacket has comfy stretch panels at the shoulder blades and wrists and offers great freedom of movement. With just enough splash protection for your backside on the tail, it doesn't ride up your back wearing a pack either.

We worried that the almost petal-like fabric was so thin, snagging it on branches or trees would result in an immediate tear, but happily this wasn't the case and the MTR has proven surprisingly durable.

Considering the weight and diminutive package, the Emergency Shell offers good windproofing and warmth, as well as decent resistance to rain and splash. It's incredibly portable, melts away while riding and is an ideal three-seasons jacket.

Perfect to throw on for a brief rain shower or use in misty, damp conditions, we wouldn't choose the MTR for hours in a prolonged downpour, as the fabric isn't very breathable and the jacket gets quite clammy due to a lack of vents or zips. Using the MTR against bare flesh on the forearms (even briefly) can get sticky and sweaty — if you are a particularly hot rider it might not be for you.

