£99.99 North Wave Celsius J GTX shoes

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North Wave's winter boots are always popular with riders after high performance while others hibernate – and it's easy to see why.

The reinforced sole is as stiff as most race shoes, and the whole upper is very rigid too, giving a rock solid feel throughout. The Speed Lace system cinches down snugly and works well with gloves. The sole-sealed Gore-Tex liner also comes up high inside for dry paddling. The wide spaced 'Jaws' sole tread and optional toe studs mean loads of clambering grip. The upper flap and collar are uncomfortably stiff at first, and even when softened need leaving loose enough to let splash/rain water in.

MBUK VERDICT

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VALUE

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Superb pedalling performance and overall stiffness, but cosy comfort is lacking