

**THE
TEST**

Waterproofs

ProQuip Silk Touch £239

Contact: 01620 892219 or www.proquipgolf.com Weight: 850g Pint test: No leakage, just a trace of a tide mark on the outer skin, meaning the fabric absorbed a tiny amount of moisture. Lunchbox test: Jacket: yes Trousers: no Drying test: 2hrs 45mins TG rating: ★★★★★

ProQuip claims to be the daddy of waterproofs in the UK and it has plenty to back that up. It has sponsored the Ryder Cup team for many years, countless Tour pros have worn – and continue to wear – its garments, and ProQuip is the only waterproofs manufacturer that designs its range here in the UK. The Silk Touch suit is its latest product to hit the shops. So far it has flown off the shelves, and it's easy to see why. It has a new quieter and lighter Silk Touch fabric to restrict the golf swing less, and to make the game in wet weather a more pleasurable experience. We found the jacket extremely soft and comfortable to wear, and noticeably less restrictive than others. And the suit is available in virtually any combination you can think of.

From XXXL sizes to full-zipped jackets and variable leg length trousers, you'll find them all in the Silk Touch range, along with some pretty nifty colours – although we maybe wouldn't include the lime green option on our list of 'nifty' colours! Where waterproofs were cumbersome, sweaty bits of kit 20 years ago, the Silk Touch raises the bar in waterproof fabrics a notch higher than its competitors, and we reckon other manufacturers will soon be launching similar fabrics. It's worth noting that the Silk Touch isn't the highest priced suit on the market, yet Pro Quip is confident enough to give it a three-year waterproof guarantee, which is more than some of its lower-priced competitors and worth taking advantage of.

