

HJC

IS-MAX II

SUPPLIER: HJC, Tel. +49(0) 21 31/52 35 60, www.hjc-europe.com; **PRICE:** € 199.90 (with graphics € 229.90); **SIZES:** XS to XXL; **WEIGHT:** 1780 g/1758 g (manufacturer's specifications/L weighed); **COLOURS:** matt black, metallic black, metallic white, fluorescent yellow, three graphic designs; **HELMET SHELL:** polycarbonate; **CLOSURE:** ratchet; **COUNTRY OF PRODUCTION:** China, ECE certification mark E 9 (Spain); **REPLACEMENT VISOR:** clear/tinted/reflective, € 39.90/39.90/49.90; **EQUIPMENT:** wind deflector on the chin, Pinlock-ready, sunshield, helmet bag (standard)

↑PROS

Easy to put on, excellent fit, fairly tight-fitting but nevertheless comfortable, lining feels pleasant, good aerodynamics, low noise level, very good ventilation at top of head and around chin with very easy to operate sliders, visor snaps into place well, large field of vision, visor shuts perfectly, very simple visor replacement, very simple sunshield operation, good for spectacle wearers, perfect workmanship, very good shock absorption values.

↓CONS

Top-of-head sunshield operation takes some getting used to, difficult to identify by touch initially; chin ventilator slider seems a little worn

The comfortably upholstered interior is a huge plus point. As is the ease of opening and closing.



→CONCLUSION:

Hats off! In the sub-200-euro league, the South Korean helmet manufacturer has produced an excellent flip-up helmet that is making life very difficult for its reasonably-priced and also some of its more expensive competitors.



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Result: good

FINAL EVALUATION

	Fit/Comfort	Aerodynamics	Acoustics	Ventilation	Handling	Workmanship/Equipment	Weight	Shock absorption	Total result	MOTORRAD opinion*	Price in euro**	CONCLUSION
max. number of points	20	10	10	10	10	10	20	100				<p>16 helmets were put through their paces, but who do they suit best? The broad "Satisfactory" field is generally suitable for occasional riders, on scooters or in urban traffic. Less money tends to mean less helmet, particularly with regard to fit, comfort and function. The "good" range is dominated by HJC. The IS-Max II is a great helmet for comparatively little money, which stands apart not only from similarly priced competitors, but is also making life very difficult for the significantly more expensive ones (Airoh, Scorpion, Nishua). The "very good" top class is dominated by Hauen and Stechen at the top level, with Shoei remaining below average in terms of shock absorption. Roof and Shark are very special compromise solutions for drivers who are really searching for a jet helmet with an integral function.</p>
Schuberth C3 Pro	18	9	9	9	8	9	9	17	88	very good	from 595.00	
BMW system helmet 6 Evo	19	9	9	10	10	9	4	17	87	very good	from 495.00	
Shoei Neotec	20	9	9	9	9	8	7	14	85	very good	from 539.00	
X-lite X-1003	19	9	8	8	7	9	7	18	85	very good	from 499.99	
HJC IS-Max II	17	9	8	8	8	4	18	80	good	from 199.90		
Scorpion EXO-3000 Air	16	8	5	9	9	8	8	15	78	good	from 349.90	
Nishua NFX-1 Carbon	12	7	6	7	6	9	10	17	74	good	329.95	
Held CT-1200	13	8	6	5	7	8	9	17	73	good	from 349.95	
Shark Evoline Series 3	14	8	6	6	7	7	3	17	68	satisfactory	from 299.95	
LS2 FF325 Strobe	10	8	4	3	7	7	6	19	64	satisfactory	from 129.90	
Airoh Phantom	10	5	4	5	7	7	4	15	57	satisfactory	from 299.95	
Germot GM 940	9	4	4	3	5	6	8	18	57	satisfactory	129.90	
Rocc 680/681	8	8	3	5	7	7	5	14	57	satisfactory	from 189.95	
Roof Desmo	12	6	2	5	4	8	4	15	56	satisfactory	from 399.00	
IXS HX 325	12	7	4	3	7	7	5	10	55	satisfactory	179.90	
Nexo Touring Sport	9	4	4	3	5	6	8	16	55	satisfactory	149.95	

*100 to 85 points = very good; 84 to 70 points = good; 69 to 55 points = satisfactory; 54 to 40 points = acceptable; 39 to 0 points = unsatisfactory; **Basic model in solid colours or current promotional price

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