

## Castelli Pioggia 2 shoe cover £55

THE Pioggia left me gobsmacked at its price, but the sheer quality becomes apparent when you put this shoe cover on. Available in black or white, our white pair has not stained yet, the PU-coated fabric has a light fleece back and is seam sealed and stitched. This keeps your feet dry, while the elastic strap uses a Giro+ silicone bead to seal against your leg.

The asymmetric strap design is to channel water to the outside of the Pioggia but in the worst conditions, water will still eventually seep through from the top; it also has good adjustability and fits snugly around skinny ankles. A waterproof zipper is a fine touch, especially as it is offset from spray. At its base the Pioggia has a hole for cleats and just three small holes at the heel. The heel seems likely to wear eventually but thus far, with limited walking, our test pair is holding out. The tough base material wraps the toe area for extra protection and adds life to the shoe cover when walking. It is hard to fault Pioggia but the price is scary. DD

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