



They have armour but don't make you look freaky

Furygan C12 riding jeans £149.99

'Slim, but they'll go over boots'

Tested by Dan Sutherland for 10 months, 3000 miles



These were my go-to riding trousers for dry weather last year and are now fast becoming my regular pair in the 2021 springtime, too. Comfortable, casual-looking and offering a CE-approved hug of D30 armour at the knees and hips without feeling bulky, they have been ideal for commuting, town riding and the odd weekend blast. Slim fitting without being skinny, they offer enough stretch at the base to accommodate fully-fledged race boots and retain a look that won't have you standing out from the crowd at your destination. After 3000 miles, they still look brand new, with no frayed ends or discolouration. What's more, they're also surprisingly warm, keeping my legs nicely insulated above 15-degrees. I will pop a thin base layer underneath for colder rides though. They have been hard to fault and, if I'm being picky, the black means splats of road grime are quite obvious but the good news is that other colours are available.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

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Bull-it Bobber jeans £109.99

'Sublime in the summertime'

Tested by Simon Brown for one year, 1500 miles



Armoured denims are great for riding my retro on sunny days and I am more than happy with these skinny fit ones from Bull-it. They are made using the firm's single-layer denim and are rated to AA CE-standard. Level 2 hip and knee armour is included in the box for added protection. The fabric is water resistant, so you can get caught in the odd shower without getting wet. Comfort is very good on the bike,

with stretch panels allowing decent movement while at the same time not making the Bobbers draw too much attention to themselves as motorcycle clothing. In keeping with the skinny fit, the ankles (complete with retro turn-ups) are narrow so bear that in mind if you wear normal bike boots with your riding jeans. I wear a pair of short lace-up RST boots which work fine. They are currently reduced to £109.99 having been replaced by the £149.99 Bobber II.

Quality ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

www.bull-it.com



Alpinestars Merc Denim jeans £179.99

'Stretchy, stretchy'

Tested by Gareth Evans over 2000 miles



The stretchy Aramid fibre denim makes them simple to pull on, and the triple-stitched seams add valuable extra durability, complimenting the solid feel from the metal zip fly. There's Bio Flex armour to protect the knees, and this is thinner than typical D30 armour which means it's less obvious you're wearing riding jeans than many other offerings. They're still CE certified to Category II, though. In fact I'm a big fan of the way these jeans look – the reflective design details and red lining really make these Italian items stand out.

Value ★★★★★ Quality ★★★★★

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TOP FIVE WATERPROOF JACKETS

1



Oxford Mondial £249.99

As a 6ft 5in rider, I've always struggled with jackets with long enough arms. I've only used them for 600 miles, but I've found no issues so far.

Andy Goodwin, Banff

2



Rukka Nivala £1249.99

I use this jacket for my Blood Biking duties. I've never had any trouble and I've ridden through some awful rain.

Matthew Jordan, Hinckley

3



Dainese Carve Master 2 £529.95

I've had it about three years and use it pretty much every day. I've done about 36,000 miles and it's been fantastic.

Sarah Spearman, Baldock

4



Wolf Titanium Outlast £299.99

I've had this jacket three or four years now. It's comfortable, soft and I use it alongside my Forcefield back protector.

Adam Barnes, Dorset

5



Aerostich Roadcrafter Classic two-piece £1023.20

I've had this for 15-16 years and I actually got it secondhand. It's been a great piece of kit.

Rick Allies, Stoke

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