

A GOOD MIX

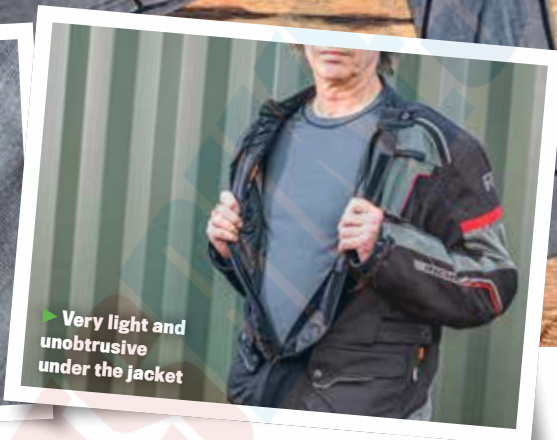
Halvarssons' use of Merino and Outlast means great comfort with high-tech performance.



▼ The Swedes know a thing or two about cold weather - and it shows



► Very light and unobtrusive under the jacket



2 Halvarssons Comfort £93.99 top, £85.99 pants

Matching the best of the natural world to futuristic textiles

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If anyone should have a handle on cold-weather clothing, it ought to be Swedish brand Halvarssons. Pretty cold up there a lot of the time. They've been making motorcycle clothing since the 1940s.

For the Comfort top and bottoms, our Scandi chums have combined the natural with the man-made - the fabric is 61% Merino wool and 39% Outlast. It's very light and unobtrusive.

Outlast is an innovation born of space exploration. Rocket science, indeed.

Outlast developed a number of procedures to "microencapsulate natural wax" to textiles. They say these capsules can capture and store body heat, forming a natural heat buffer. Where conventional base layers channel and wick sweat away from the body, Outlast helps prevent overheating and the production of sweat. Hence, temperature is regulated even before you begin to sweat. Outlast quotes independent studies that show sweat production is reduced by up to 48%.

When body temperature drops, the natural wax in the Outlast releases stored heat.

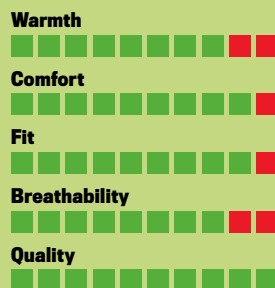
In use, the Halvarssons kit is incredibly light and unobtrusive. Flat seams help with this, and there is just the right amount of stretch for a good all-over fit.

The two materials combined in the fabric seem to work well together. The high percentage of Merino means less of an 'acrylic' feel to the garments. It's hard to describe, but it seems like you can feel the material holding your body heat.

THE FACTS

- Material** 61% Merino wool, 39% Outlast
- Sizes** XS-3XL
- Warranty** One year
- Seamless** ✗
- Fly** ✗
- Seasons** All

THE SCORES



Total **44/50**

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VERDICT

A clever combination of natural wool and space-age textiles make the Halvarssons a worthy choice.