1 Spada Hanzo £319.99

Nails the retro look with some clever twists

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The Hanzo feels substantial straight off the hanger thanks in part to its armour – a five-piece set of TetraHex Level 2 for the elbow, shoulder and back. It's the only jacket on test with Level 2 armour.

The leather is very supple, so comfort is immediate, too. It's CE certified Level AA.

There are four zipped exterior pockets and one inside. Leather pull tags on the zippers and wrist vents make operation easy. The body lining is breathable, and the sleeves are lined with satin twill. There is no separate liner, but tabs for trouser attachment.

Now to the clever design features. The main zip up the front is a two-way unit so the bottom of the jacket can be undone while the top stays fastened. It gets even smarter in that it is a double zip that allows a ventilated leather panel to be exposed for warmer rides. Also gives some extra belly room after the obligatory rideout fry-up. Two short ventilation panels exist at the rear waist as well, either side of a very retro padded lumbar panel. Yet more ventilation comes courtesy of the perforated leather inner arm panels.

The Hanzo gave us another reminder that fit can be subjective and you really should try jackets before you buy. We asked all the manufacturers to supply a sample to fit a 42in chest. This falls under medium in Spada sizing and it only just fitted our tester. If he was buying one, he would go up a size.

Conclusion In terms of style and features, the Hanzo puts in a winning performance.

'Double zip exposes ventilated leather panel'

THE FACTS

Material: Full-grain leather outer, synthetic lining, satin twill

CE Rating: AA

Armour rating: Level 2

Armour included: Shoulders, elbows

Back protector included: Yes

Thermal layer: No

Ventilation: Central zip vent, rear waist, wrist gussets, perforated inner arms

Pockets: 4 exterior, 1 interior

Adjustments: Waist, front zip

Size tested: M

Sizes available: S-5XL

Colours available: Black with white stripes

Weight: 3.1kg (including back protector)

THE SCORES

COMFORT

FIT

BUILD QUALITY

CONFIDENCE

VERSATILITY

TOTAL **39/50**



▶ Plenty of movement and ventilation



▼ So much adjustability here. We like

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Hopes are high for a warm summer – and the comprehensive venting provision of the Hanzo could prove to be very welcome.