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TRILOBITE PARADO SINGLE-LAYER JEANS **£219.99**

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'The best riding jeans I've used'

When it comes to functionality, these Trilobite items excel, says editor Matt



CONCERTINA'S SOUND

Back stretch panel stops the jeans riding down, and high waist preludes builder's bum. Sorted!

VENTING VISIONARIES

The vents work, though the red mesh underneath makes me feel like I'm flashing sexy underwear...

DISCREET ARMOUR

CE level 2 amour is slim and features at both knees and hips, is removable, and never gets in the way.

▼ Venting in jeans is pretty rare, but welcome

▲ Crotch stretch panel does the job

▲ If you want to keep your rear end covered up, these are good

▼ Slim-fitting, adjustable and removable

▲ 'Technical' looks aren't for everyone, but by heck they're good

I've always favoured 'stealth' jeans that just look like normal fashion items, but the qualities possessed by these jeans have won me over. In fact, I'd go as far as saying they're the best riding jeans I've used.

The first benefit is flexibility. The crotch panel is stretchy, while concertina material around the knees and back allow movement you wouldn't normally get with a slim-fitting pair of riding jeans. This benefits you in a number of ways – firstly, it means they're more comfortable in a sitting position; secondly, they let you move around on the bike more. This is a huge benefit if you're an 'energetic' rider, letting you shift your weight easier.

This is also helped by the slim-fitting armour – there is little in the way of bulk. I've also found the vents in the thighs

useful as traditionally heavyweight jeans are warmer in summer than textiles.

I have worn them on all manner of bikes and they have worked well on everything. My only quibble is that I would have liked to have seen a Coolmax-style perforated lining. They'd make the jeans even better during peak summer and wouldn't have added bulk. Also, the looks aren't for everyone – some say they look like workwear, but that's fine with me.

THE WEAR AND TEAR

So far, so good. They've been washed multiple times, don't fade too much and come up like new each time. There's no fraying or marked denim from contact with the bike, and the zips work as well as they did the day I unboxed the jeans. There's proper long-term potential here.

THE CLAIM

"The new revolutionary Parado monolayer motorcycle jeans, certified to AAA level, provide the ideal combination of comfort and protection. They are lightweight, breathable and have large ventilation pockets. Newly developed Tri-Stretcher 5.0 fabric offers the highest possible fall protection and abrasion resistance in a single layer. Equipped with CE level 2 protectors with adjustable height. You can therefore 'tune' your jeans directly to your body."

THE REALITY

I've been wearing riding jeans for more than 15 years and during that time I've seen them evolve from heavy, cumbersome items with an inner Kevlar 'sock' to single-layer, Kevlar-reinforced jeans, and now evermore technical garments like these Trilobites.

Designed in the Czech Republic, Trilobite are an unfamiliar name, but the jeans offer excellent protection, above-average comfort and a level of features that very few can match.

THE FACTS

USED BY Matt Wildee

USED FOR Nine months

USED ON Naks, sports tourers, adventure bikes

TOTAL MILES

04000

SCORES

Fit 9
Comfort 8
Confidence 9
Value for money 8
Ease of use 8

Total score 42/50

If you buy into their looks, their level of protection and quality are outstanding. A brilliant product, they should give you years of faithful service and provide an impressive level of comfort and confidence. MATT WILDEE