

THE MCN SHOWCASE

RETRO COOL LEATHER JACKETS

Ridden in for thousands of miles and rated by the MCN team



It's spot on for retro-style machines

Richa Daytona 2 £299.99

'It's smart and protective'

Tested by Simon Brown for four years/4000 miles



No matter how much we might like to pretend otherwise, we all want to look as good as we possibly can when we are out on our bikes – and that is one of the reasons I love this Richa gear. Few jackets I've tried have drawn as many admiring comments, and I even fitted in just fine wearing it at the recent Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (yes, I know it's not tweed but I like to be presentable and protected at the same time).

That said, a jacket can look as smart as you like but it's no good if it doesn't work well on the bike, so I am pleased to report few complaints. I've mostly worn it on my retro Ducati Scrambler FT (and also on the Café Racer version I had on test a few years back) and the jacket has proved comfortable for long hours in the saddle. There are no fancy zip-open vents but there is a thermal lining you can add or remove to suit conditions. The main zip and pocket zips are chunky YKK items and

there is also the facility to attach the jacket onto jeans using a short connecting zip.

The collar fastens securely with a popper while there is a zip and popper adjustment at the cuffs. I usually combine it with shortie gloves which tuck under the cuff no problem. Getting longer gloves over the cuff is a faff and spoils the optics somewhat.

In terms of protection the Daytona benefits from D30 armour at the elbows and shoulder and there is a D30 back protector. D30 armour is softer and more flexible than most but does the job when required and has the CE certification to prove it.

While on the subject, the Daytona is CE approved to the basic A rating which is fine for the price although it would be nice to see it meeting one of the higher safety standards.

Construction and quality are good. It's not a jacket I wear every day but I have been using it for several years now and nothing has frayed or broken, while the leather still feels supple and looks great. Squished insects can be a pain to clean off the fairly natural finish on the

leather, so my advice is to wipe them off before they have a chance to really bake in properly.

Richa describe the colour as brown, but I would say tan is a closer description. That might not suit all tastes, but you can buy it in black too.

There is a very wide range of sizing available, but it is worth noting that the two largest sizes are slightly more expensive at £329.99 as opposed to the £299.99 for the smaller/regular choices like mine here.

Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★
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PROS & CONS

- + Looks, durability, value. Plus it is comfortable on and off the bike
- Shame it's only A rated for its CE safety rating



Even the lining looks kinda cool



Decent quality zips throughout

- Fit and comfort rated
- Design, construction and CE scores rated
- Each worn for thousands of road miles

RATINGS

Exceptional ★★★★★ Very good ★★★★
Good ★★★ Average ★★
Poor ★