

2 Resurgence Gear 2020 Café Racer £245 resurgencegear.net

The Resurgences came labelled as a slim fit – and putting them on they felt tight on the knee and lower leg while a little looser in the seat area, but they seemed to loosen in use. The tighter knees ensure the armour stays in place, held within a separate pouch inside the main pocket by a Velcro strip, allowing for infinite position adjustment.

The lower leg is long – we were sent the longer of the two options – and the turn-up would suit a retro rider or bike. In fact, the website describes these as comparable to Levi's 511s. The ankles are reasonably large, although they would suit a slimmer boot.

On the bike, they felt comfortable and not too warm or cumbersome, despite a separate inner lining, but the knee armour did begin to get noticeable after a while. As it's D30 Ghost Level-1 it isn't too intrusive and breathes reasonably well, but you know it's there.

The Resurgence jeans put in a staggering performance in the drag test. We carried this out 15 times and although the outer Selvedge denim and inner Pekev lining were shredded, the inner layer – between the yellow Pekev and mesh lining – appeared undamaged regardless of how many more runs we did. We stopped after 15 runs as there was no apparent likelihood of the skin becoming exposed.



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▲ Inner lining has little impact on comfort

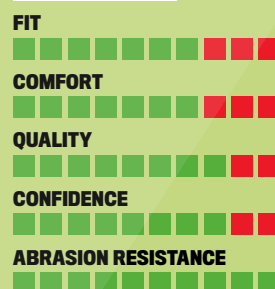
▲ Jeans come with D30's Ghost Level-1 armour

▲ Protective lining still intact

THE FACTS

- Construction** 80% reinforcement, mesh lining
- Cut** Slim
- Leg lengths** 2
- Pockets** 5
- Fly** Zip
- Armour** Level-1
- Adjustable armour?** ✓
- Sizes** 30in–44in
- Weight** 1840g
- Drag runs to failure** 15+

THE SCORES



Total **40/50**

1 Furygan K11 X Kevlar £189.99 www.furygan.com

The Furygan jeans fitted me exactly as the kind of normal jeans I would wear. The distance from the crotch to the waistband is perhaps very slightly deeper than normal street jeans, but that just helps prevent gaping on the bike – and the denim is soft and pliable.

The armour is Level-1 D30 Ghost, so is unobtrusive and you barely know it's there. All four pieces are located in purpose-built pouches and the knee pieces are adjustable for height on hangers inside the main pouch.

The bottom of the legs are quite narrow so you'll need to wear these with short, trainer-style boots ideally, but they are long enough to ensure your ankles stay covered. Confidence is good because the armour stays in place well and you just know it's there despite only being Level-1. The quality is also very nice – serious metalwork at key locations and a button fly, with two waist buttons.

On the bike, it is easy to move around and due to the single-layer design, they aren't overly warm, making them perfect for warmer, summer or autumn rides.

When it came to the drag testing, the Furygans did okay; they resisted five runs until the internal mesh lining was perforated and what would have been the rider's skin was exposed to the road surface.



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▲ Highest-scoring jeans for both fit and comfort

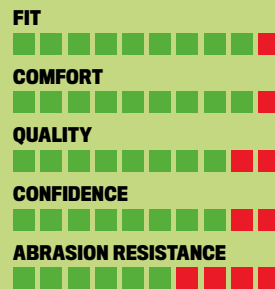
▲ Comes with D30's Ghost armour

▲ Abrasion after five drags

THE FACTS

- Construction** Single layer, mesh lining
- Cut** Straight
- Leg lengths** 1
- Pockets** 5
- Fly** Button
- Armour** Level-1
- Adjustable armour?** ✓
- Sizes** 26in–40in
- Colours** Blue
- Weight** 1240g
- Drag runs to failure** 5

THE SCORES



Total **40/50**