



They look great but they're tight around the thighs

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Spada detailing is pretty sweet

## Spada Raw Indigo jeans £159.99

### 'AAA rated jeans for less cash'



**Tested by Gareth Evans for three months**

I associate Spada with stylish gear, so I was very surprised to see these AAA jeans sitting at the cheaper end of the market, gazumping Oxford Products' excellent Original Approved line-up. I simply had to test them.

To do so, I've ridden in a range of jeans-suitable conditions, including high summer and the occasional rainstorm.

These are not the comfiest AAA jeans I've ever worn. They're made of very thick denim reinforced with Cordura and elastane, but this is hot in summer and fairly inflexible, which means they can pinch around the knees when riding sportsbikes. And furthermore, they're very tight fitting for their size. They did withstand a sudden downpour well, however, and crucially they feel safe to wear thanks to their strong construction. The Level 2 knee and hip armour does take a bit of wrestling to get into the inner pockets, though.

These jeans are a fantastic way to look great and stay safe for not much money.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[www.spadaclimbing.com](http://www.spadaclimbing.com)



Crash in them and you could get a gift...

## Pando Moto jeans £259.99

### 'Perfect strides'



**Tested by Robin Kirkley for five months**

Damn good jeans. Here's why. The Pando people have gone above and beyond to make the

very best jeans in every department: looks, comfort, materials, safety, protection, connection, and a two-year warranty (which can be extended to three years). A small example of this ethos is the double belt loops at the back which help stop the jeans slipping, especially on sportsbikes.

Overall, these are good looking pants with a slightly faded, modern styling. I ride to the office in them then wear them for the whole day without realising I'm still in my riding jeans, even with the hip and knee armour in place.

They are comfortable both sitting at my desk, walking around, and riding for many hours. One reason is that the materials stretch a bit even though they have the highest safety rating of AAA. In their own internal testing Pando claim to have exceeded the official AAA certification for abrasion resistance by 20%. They achieve this with a blend of materials. First off, spandex is woven into the outer fibres to give that stretch and comfort while riding. The main outer shell is Cordura denim which is engineered with a military-grade type of nylon added to the fibre and cotton threads. Then they've lined the most vulnerable areas with UHMWPE which is claimed 15 times stronger than steel and can take a bullet (don't try that at home). This is the world's toughest fibre material, but you'd never know it unless you've had the pleasure of meeting the road on your travels.

Pando believe so strongly in their products that they've got what they call the PANDO PILOT programme to honour the "road warriors" who have hit the tarmac in Pando gear. Send them your story with a couple of pics and they'll send you a little gesture of goodwill ([info@pandomoto.com](mailto:info@pandomoto.com)).

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
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Super flexi and the lenses are coated too

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## Zenni Optiflex glasses £75

### 'Total salvation for specs wearers'



**Tested by Justin Hayzelden for three months**

If you're a specs wearer like me, you might find that you're limited in your choice of helmet and struggle to find one that's comfortable enough for long periods of use. It's the area around the temple for me, where the arms of my glasses create a pressure point. Even those lids with dedicated cutouts tend to leave little room for adjustment, so it's pot luck if my lenses sit in the right place – and that can be a serious problem with varifocals.

Enter the Zenni Optiflex frames, which have

proved a total game-changer. With arms just 0.5mm thick, I've yet to find a helmet they don't slip right into, and they're flexible to the point where you can actually bend them in half. In addition to the frames, my set-up included varifocal prescription lenses with a grey photochromic tint and hydrophobic anti-reflective coating, plus two pairs of clip-ons, yellow for night riding and a mirror tint for summer – all for £75. I keep them in my tank bag for riding use only, which means my regular bins stay safe too.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[zennioptical.com](http://zennioptical.com)



They've definitely seen the mud...

## Forma Adventure boots £187.99

### 'Rugged gear you can wear all day'



**Tested by Joseph Wright for seven months**

With plans to cover long distances and tackle off-road this year, I chose Forma's

Adventure boots for their spec and great price. They're a full-height, full-leather adventure boot that sits between a motocross and enduro style, offering solid off-road protection alongside comfort. The three adjustable buckles and Velcro closure have held up well, although you can't use the full range of the straps' adjustment without cutting the excess length. Initially stiff, they softened after a few hours and now feel lightweight and flexible. They're good for all-day riding and grip well on wet pegs, plus the Drytex liner ensures they're fully waterproof.

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★**  
[formaboots.com](http://formaboots.com)

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