



Just enough stretch for comfort

Oxford Original Approved AAA Slim £179.99

'They feel just like 'normal' jeans'



Tested by Ben Clarke for 5000 miles

Riding jeans are a must-have piece of summer bike kit for me, so I've tested plenty, including a few generations of Oxford AA and AAA options. These are up there with the best in terms of comfort, I can wear them in the office and forget they're not normal jeans. The single-layer design is

unrestrictive and also keeps you cool, particularly walking around, but retains the AAA CE certification for peace of mind. It also has a slight stretch to it, which is great for swinging your leg over taller bikes.

The Level 2 Dynamic armour feels a little stiff at first, but soon adapts to your contours. I don't use the supplied hip armour because I prefer the jeans without it.

It's important for me that a riding

jean can pass for a normal garment away from the bike, and these pass that test. I like the look of them, and apart from a few subtle tell-tale bits of stitching, you wouldn't guess they were riding jeans at all.

My only real criticism is that I could do with a couple more belt loops because I get some gaping around the waistband.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.oxfordproducts.com

12 months ON TEST

Alpinestars Daisy V3 jeans £189.99

'They've become my go-to'



Tested by Alison Silcox for six months

These Alpinestars Daisy V3 riding jeans have been my go-to for the last few months and are a decent option.

I blame Davina McCall for inventing the menopause; until she hit her fifties, no one had suffered. Unlike Davina, I've stuck a chunk of weight on around my midriff, and there's overspill above the low-rise waistband.

Stretchy denim makes the jeans snug but bearable to wear. The leg length is good, and the skinny style means there's not a bulk of material around the back of the knee. Sizes range from 6 to 16 and I have found that they fit true to size.

With the jeans being a slim fit, I must throw a few shapes to wiggle into them, ending up with fingers through belt loops, doing a random pogo motion, to get into them. Add

Six months ON TEST



Stylish gear with CE Level 1 armour

that to laying on the bed to zip myself in, especially after they've been through the wash, dressing has become an energetic process!

Deep front pockets hold keys, without fear of them falling out, while the rear pockets are for show not use. They will go in the normal wash and haven't shrunk or lost shape – that said, I have only washed them a handful of times so far.

They have CE Level 1 armour at the knee, but they would benefit from hip armour. Three knee armour pockets are placed 3cm apart, which means the armour can be placed to fit, ensuring it sits in the correct spot. There is aramid reinforcement on the bum, hip, and knee areas, which helps to boost their abrasion and tear properties.

At £189.99 these are not the cheapest but they're wearing well.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.alpinestars.com

Spada Ronin jeans £159.99

'They needed more time to get comfy'



Tested by Gareth Evans for eight months

Having given them a bit of a hard time in my previous review, I wanted to revisit and set the record straight. They've loosened up in the intervening period, now feeling much more like a comfy pair of jeans you can ride in. They were pinching around the legs on sportsbikes, whereas now I've got full knee articulation.

Considering how cheap these are for AAA-rated jeans, I'd say they're a bit of a bargain.

MCN rating ★★★★★
www.spadaclotting.com

8 months ON TEST



Resurgence Gear 2020 Sara Jane Legging £179

'Try them on first'



Tested by Saffron Wilson for 1000 miles

It took me a while to warm to these leggings. Initially the fit was a little iffy but after a bit of wear they have become quite comfortable. The fabric is good quality and nice to touch and I was pleasantly surprised by how smart they looked, with their flattering high waist – although I had some gape at the back. They are AA-rated, and have pockets for flexible D30 armour in the hips and knees.

MCN rating ★★★★★
resurgencegear.net

2 years ON TEST



Trilobite Parado Monolayer AAA £256.79

'Slim, stretchy and secure'



Tested by Justin Hayzelden for nine months

They may not have the low-profile look associated with traditional riding jeans, but there are plenty of technical reasons why the Parado Monolayer from Czech firm Trilobite have become a firm favourite of mine. For a start, they're certified to CE level AAA, the highest for personal protective clothing, and the slim cut gives a nice close fit, meaning the CE Level 2 hip and knee armour sits securely.

They feel reassuring, and give me an element of confidence as to how they'll perform if needed. They also have a high degree of flexibility,



Stretchy enough for sporty riding

2300 miles ON TEST

thanks to accordion panels at the knees and across the lower back, three-way stretch in the denim construction and a highly elastic crotch section. This makes them incredibly comfortable to wear, and I've had no issues at all shifting about on sportsbikes or clambering aboard leggy adventure machines.

Denim, particularly when it's been

woven with abrasion resistant fibres, is not renowned for its breathability, however the Parado jeans have zipped vents on the thighs which allow just enough hot air to escape when necessary to stop them from becoming too sticky and sweaty during summer rides.

MCN rating ★★★★★
trilobitemoto.com