RIDE MAGAZINE RECOMMENDED

2 Richa Charleston £389.99

'Soft, supple and a really good fit'

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The Charleston is made from soft and supple leather with a nubuck-like finish.

It comes with a removable sleeveless thermal lining and is not overly long, with padding detailing to the shoulders and three zipped pockets/vents to the front, two side pockets and four internal – a Napoleon and three proper pockets rather than pass-through in the liner to the jacket's examples.

The fit is lovely – just right. The difference with the thermal liner in and out is marginal – it isn't particularly thick, and with no sleeves it doesn't affect the crucial area under the arms or at the elbows.

It has a CE rating of AA and comes with a five-piece suite of Level 1 D30 armour – this can be upgraded to Level 2 for improved protection or changed to D30's Ghost armour for improved comfort.

In use, it is extremely comfortable, the lining making it good for early starts, and when removed the jacket works better for warm temperatures.

There is a general feeling of airflow within the jacket which increases when the three front pocket/vents are opened, with air also entering via the perforated storm flap.

There are gussets behind the shoulders so arm movement is excellent, with no tightness across the back when reaching forward, and the sleeve length is spot on.

The only criticism is with the double-popper-height waist fastener/zip cover, which is quite stiff and can push down into the groin, which can be annoying.

'Extremely comfortable – the fit is just right'

VERDICT

A lovely jacket that is soft, supple and very comfortable. Venting is excellent and thermal liner works well.

THE SCORES

Fit	9/10
Comfort	8/10
Ease of use	9/10
Venting	8/10
Confidence	8/10
Total	**42/50**

THE FACTS

Material	Cowhide
Weight (inc liner and back protector)	3110g
CE rating	AA
Armour rating	Level 1
Back protector included?	✔ Level 1
Removable thermal liner?	✔(vest)
Pockets (inside)	4
Pockets (outside)	5
Adjustment	Hem
Vents	3
Size tested	EU52
Colours	Black, brown, titanium
Sizes	EU48-EU62