

Halvarssons Torso vest

£99 (Secure L2 back plate £54)
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If you're looking for a body armour vest that ticks all the boxes and can be used on and off the tarmac then the Torso will see you right. However, you'll need to purchase the Secure L2 back plate at an additional £54 to complete the jacket. Still, £150 for complete upper body protection that's suitable for use just about anywhere isn't bad.

The vest itself is made from a mixture of spandex and mesh that not only ensures a snug fit and holds the protective plates in the right position it also allows cool air to circulate and wick away sweat. The added beauty of this type of garment is that all the pads can be removed so it can be laundered, to freshen it up. There are also thumb loops, which keep the sleeve cuffs from riding up.

A front zip runs the length of the jacket. This is spring loaded and can be locked into place at any point on the runner, which is useful if you want to open the front of the jacket to get more ventilation, but don't want

it completely undone. The armour in the shoulders, elbows, and back has full CE certification to the latest standard. It's also comfortable and conforms to the shape of your body's contours within a short period of time, so you hardly notice you're wearing it. It has chest pads, which although not CE marked will withstand being struck by flying objects without the impact being felt to any great degree.

I've found this vest to be very comfortable when riding and the armour stayed in place under my outer jacket. The vest was warm enough to wear in cool temperatures without having to add any extra layers, and when temperatures rose, I didn't feel as though I'd overheat. The vest doesn't have a high collar, so your textile outer jacket won't feel bulky in this area.

In a line: Comfortable jacket and armour well worth considering



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