

Hot Stuff

Paul Jennison rounds up cool gear that's good to go riding with

Halvarssons Prime Jacket and Prince Trousers

SRP jacket: £379; pants: £274

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What is it? Brand-new mix-and-match getup from this well-known Swedish manufacturer

New for 2013, The Prime jacket and Prince trousers from Halvarssons are stand-alone garments that will also work well together as a full suit for year-round use. I suspect these two items are going to prove very popular among ABRs.

The Prime jacket features a Polytex outer shell, which is lightweight, supple and water resistant. It has HI-ART (an abrasion-resistant fabric) panels in the elbows and shoulders for reinforcement and a fixed Dryway+ membrane, which is waterproof and breathable. The Outlast temperature-regulated removable liner completes the deal. There is adjustable CE-approved armour in the elbows and shoulders and provision for CE-approved back armour.



Removable high-vis vest

The jacket has front and rear air vents, which give good ventilation, and there are jacket and sleeve width adjusters for the optimum fit. There are two large zipped front pockets with storm flaps and two small chest pockets. There is also a zipped pocket at the back of the jacket, which would hold a folded map, and an internal waterproof pocket.

For optimum road safety there is reflective Cordura on the chest, forearms, shoulders and back, along with reflective stitching and a removable high-vis vest, which covers the chest and shoulders. For extra-cold weather protection there is a removable pre-curved high collar, which fully covers the neck.

There is a full-length zip to attach the jacket to the trousers. The Prince trousers also have a Polytex outer shell, HI-ART reinforcement on the knees, Dryway+ membrane and Outlast temperature-regulated removable liners. There is adjustable CE-approved armour at the knee and hip, air vents for ventilation, width adjustment on the legs and a leather panel on the backside for added abrasion resistance as well as providing better grip on the seat. They also come with clip-on braces to hold your pants up if required.

The suit is comfortable on and off the bike and its weather-resistant properties have proven themselves on several occasions. The protection sits where it will be most effective and should stay in place in the event of a fall.

The jacket is available in sizes 48-66 in either black or black/stone and the trousers come in sizes 48-62 in short and long leg lengths in black only.

