

Leather trousers

Halvarssons DeDe Pants

SRP £369
www.jofama.se

The DeDe is a full leather touring trouser made from hide that is strong but very supple, making these trousers comfortable straight from the hanger. The leather has a water repellent treatment that resists light showers, but the beauty of these jeans is that among the linings they have a Dryway membrane, making them fully waterproof. The leather also has a high abrasion resistance, reinforced by HI-ART (Kevlar) in the impact areas.

The DeDe's have an Outlast temperature regulating lining that does make them a little bulky and therefore too warm in the summer, or so you would think, but that's the great thing about Outlast technology, they keep you warm in the cold weather and cool in hot. If there is a downside it's that these linings are fixed to stay in place. The trousers also have zipped air vents in the thighs, allowing cooler air to get inside, but with limited effect, as the waterproof membrane blocks most of the air flow.



There is height adjustable CE approved armour in the knees and hips. They have two zippered pockets that are slanted for easier access. The waist band has a long connecting zipper to attach to your jacket and there are loops to feed a belt through if required.

The cut of the DeDe trousers is comfort fit, being not too baggy, or too tight, which is just right for touring. The lower legs are designed to go over the boots and the leg length is long, however the zip closure and inner liner stop a few inches short of the hem so the leather could be trimmed back if needed.

In a Line: Quality kecks at a top price. Worth saving up for



Hideout Tourer Jeans

SRP £375
www.hideout-leather.co.uk

I was born in the Midlands and the town where I grew up was famous for its leather goods, even the local football team was nicknamed the 'Saddlers'. That was when quality leather goods were made in Britain. I would guess that very few are made here these days with them being produced overseas at a lower cost and often poorer quality.

So for me it's good to see that Hideout leathers are upholding the tradition and producing top quality motorcycle leathers right here in the UK.

The Tourer Jeans are made from high grade thick leather that should offer excellent abrasion resistance, especially with added Kevlar panels behind the hide in the likely impact areas (seat and knees). The air mesh lining will wick body moisture away, and is also removable for cleaning, a feature very few trousers have.

Hideout has inserted Forcefield armour in the knees and hips, conforming to the

latest CE standards. The external knee panels have reflective piping for added hi-viz safety. With the loose fit extending the whole length of these trousers they are meant to be worn over your boots and I found that they went over my adventure style boots easily and were not overly tight, but nor did they flap around in the breeze.

There is an elasticated stretch panel in the waist for enhanced comfort, with a 360 degree zip to connect to a jacket, with two zippered pockets for your loose change.

Being made in Britain (and being top quality), the Hideouts do come with a hefty price tag. But you are getting what you pay for. These trousers are a comfortable fit and offer a high level of protection.

In a line: British craftsmanship in leather doesn't come much better than these

