

RIDE
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RECOMMENDED

OVERALL
54/55
RATING

WINNER

£500/£400 Halvarssons Safety

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FOR the first time since RIDE began testing products in 1995, a fabric suit has matched leather for performance. This Swedish-made suit has a thick jersey material inner that provides crash protection and a thin outer shell that keeps it waterproof and makes it look more normal.

Halvarssons have built it to the European safety standard, on which we base our tests, so it's a hardcore piece of kit that should do the job if you are unlucky enough to crash.

But there are downsides. It's the most expensive suit on test, at £900, and all that protection means there's a lot of bulk. Our road tester said the weight and bulk was noticeable while riding, too. He also found the suit very warm – a finding backed up by the lab testing.

PROTECTION TEST

MAXIMUM marks are no surprise when the suit is built to the Euro safety standard. After abrasion testing, all samples were still going strong. It was also the only suit to score top marks in the burst test. All armour passed our test.

ABRASION: 15/15

BURST: 10/10

IMPACT: 10/10

WEATHER TEST

THIS was the warmest suit and also did very well in the waterproof test. A tiny amount of water came through at the collar, so we knocked the Halvarssons down by one mark on the basis of that.

WARMTH: 10/10

WATERPROOFING: 9/10

ROAD TEST

THIS is easily the bulkiest suit on test and you need to consider that before buying one.

Our road tester found the bulk restricted his movement on the bike more than you would expect from a textile suit.

The ankle closure and cuffs were also fiddly to use, as was the zip to connect trousers to jacket.



“For the first time RIDE has tested a fabric suit that matches leather for performance”
Tony Hoare

