

Saint Model 1 Jean

Protecting my style



of black jeans that would fit in at the trendiest of organic artisanal gluten-free coffee joints. Nonriding fashionistas usually pilfer from our side of the table: leather jackets, vests, boots. Riding-style pants are in.

The Model 1 jeans combine worlds: the open roads and the urban catwalks. They run slim, with elasticized back knee panels that make bending the knee with or without armor a fairly easy task. They offer good range of motion in terms of swinging your leg over your bike, bending or squatting to make



WE COME TO THIS PRECIPICE ONCE AGAIN. *AIM*'s resident young fella is on the hook for finding a product that looks and performs great. I'm on record as saying that I'm pretty vain when it comes to riding gear. Listen, we're riding motorsickles—let's act like it. With that said, I'm still a firm believer in gearing up for the (possible) get down. So that means seeking out gear that looks the part while retaining the protective qualities I'd need in case someone cuts me off or I hit some wet leaves or a deer suddenly decides the grass is greener on the other side (crashes are never our fault, right?).



Model 1 knees have elasticized backs for added flexibility and feature removable CE 1 armor. They feature all the qualities of common jeans, with two rear pockets and two front pockets, and the CE 2 hip armor is barely noticeable.

Saint, an apparel company based in Australia, designs its jeans with a single layer of 14-ounce denim, producing what they claim to be the world's strongest pair of single-layer jeans in the world. Couple the "unbreakable" denim with removable CE 2 hip armor and CE 1 knee armor, and you get one tough pair of trousers. Unlike other pairs of armored pants I've worn, the Model 1 remains comfortable in all positions—standing, sitting, crouching. Saint's Instagram (@Saint.CC) and Facebook pages are littered with stunning photography, but, more importantly, feature videos of the heavy-duty denim jeans in action (the jeans up against a running sander, a fella getting pulled on his arse while holding onto a rope attached to a motorcycle). I wasn't about to lay down my bike to put the unbreakability to test.

Okay, so I'm confident I won't get a rash in the event of a slide, I get it. Now tell me: how will I look when I stop and stroll around off the bike? Well, I'll be donning a pair

any adjustments, and sitting in the saddle without feeling too restricted with the stretch across your groin section. And they're not overly heavy or baggy, which allows for a bit more comfort on particularly warmer days.

I ordered my pair in my true jean size, and they fit just right. I ordered a pair of pants with the hope of saving some skin without sacrificing style, and these fit the bill. **AIM**

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