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Shift Racing Torque Riding Jeans

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Riding jeans are much more versatile in both style and comfort. They easily blend in with everyday casual clothing and more importantly, they provide protection to the riders. There are many manufacturers out there that make riding jeans, but none seem to have perfected them, save one. SHIFT Racing is known for creating stylish riding gear that does not compromise safety or quality. One of the most popular lines of riding gear is their jeans. The Torque Riding Jeans are new for 2010 and is a top choice for riders of every kind.

Comfort. The Torque jeans are lined with Kevlar reinforced panels to offer protection, however the jeans are also lined with cotton poplin to provide an extra layer of comfort. These jeans are extremely comfortable compared to other riding jeans I have tested in the past. In fact, they look and feel just like regular jeans. They will feel slightly on the heavier side due to the Kevlar and reinforced stitching. The jeans also have a relaxed ergonomic fit making them very roomy.

Reliability. One of the best features of these jeans is that the front button is not sewn on, but instead it is punched through the jeans with a metal button. This feature gives the jeans a longer life and you will not have to fear of the button coming off due to de-threading. I have put mine through the wash already hundreds of times and the color has not faded. My pair has seen the extreme sun and heavy rain. To date, it has withstood the elements beautifully!

Safety. The denim itself is made of durable and abrasion resistant material. Kevlar reinforced panels in the saddle, knee, and shin area provide maximum safety to common fall damage areas. Though it will not offer the same protection as a leather pair of pants, the Kevlar and Denim will provide sufficient protection in case of a fall.

Style. I cannot mention enough good things about the

styling of these jeans. The style is up to date and they can be worn even casually with normal clothing. Here is what people are saying about them:

"These jeans are a perfect fit. They look and feel great. I would definitely recommend them to others."

"They fit very well and look great. Unlike my other pair of riding jeans, these have no obvious panels showing so I can wear them around the office and no one knows they are riding jeans."

There are multitudes of comments on how great the styling of these jeans are so it is just not my opinion.

Pros:

- Very Durable and Reliable
- Up to date styling compatible with most clothing
- Perfect all around riding jeans

Cons:

- Only two colors to choose from
- \$99 for Jeans (then again they are Kevlar and heavy denim lined)

Manufacturer Features:

- Durable denim provides greater abrasion resistance and protection
- Kevlar reinforced panels in the saddle and knee/shin areas provides maximum safety and abrasion resistance
- Cotton poplin reinforcement covers the Kevlar, providing a third layer for comfort
- 5-Pocket design
- Relaxed, ergonomic fit for comfort in the saddle
- Inseam grading from 28" to 36" for optimal coverage of the ankle on the bike
- Two progressive washes with additional appliques, grinding, and treatments for unique styling

- Colors available in Dark Indigo or Light Indigo

Conclusion: I really love these jeans and they are the perfect balance of style, comfort, and protection. Even at \$99 a pair they are worth every penny. For everyday use, these jeans will definitely do the job and better yet, everyone will think you are wearing a pair of regular jeans. For more information visit ShiftRacing.com.

So as always, ride safely and "See you on the high ground!"



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