

9 back, hip and chest protectors

WHAT IS CE AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?



There's armour - then there's stuff that resembles armour. Proper armour will be tested to the CE standard. There are two levels of CE protection for back protectors: a level-one protector will absorb an impact but still transfer 18kN of force to the wearer, a level-two protector will transfer only 9kN of force. Many jackets will have CE armour in the elbows and shoulders but a feeble piece of foam in the back, rather than a back protector. So always check the protector that's in the jacket and, if it's no good, get a back protector.

Make sure your protector fits under your leathers



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FORCEFIELD PRO L2 BACK PROTECTOR

Expect to pay £80

www.forcefieldbodyarmour.co.uk

RiDE's Best Buy, it's slim, bendy and very comfortable as well as being highly protective.

FORCEFIELD ACTION SHORTS

Expect to pay £120

www.forcefieldbodyarmour.co.uk

To wear under jeans or leathers, these are machine washable and have loads of removable armour. Surprisingly comfortable.

FORCEFIELD PRO SUB 4 BACK PROTECTOR

Expect to pay £120

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Thick, sturdy and well made, it boasts impressive energy absorption levels and has kidney protectors built into the belt.

