

Draggin Holeshoot Jeans

£264.99
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ABR Rating: 9 out of 10

There's a lot to be said for the Australian manufacturers of motorcycle jeans, Draggin. Having a background in the clothing industry has allowed boss, Grant Mackintosh, to manufacture protective motorcycle jeans with the styling and fit of 'normal' jeans and even though the Holeshoot's are the thickest and heaviest pair of trousers in this review they still maintain that casual look that riders want.

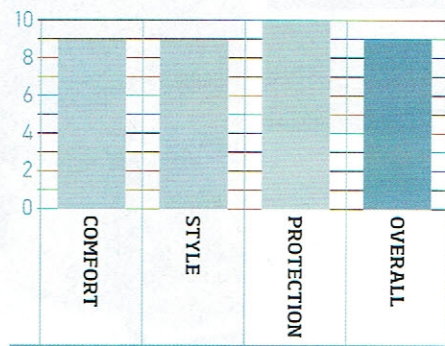
The main selling point of the Draggin Holeshoot Jeans, and largely the reason for the hefty pricetag, is that they are CE Approved Level 2 and have passed the

stringent CE tests for abrasion, burst and tear resistance. They also feature a full, soft and comfortable lining composed of a knitted DuPont Kevlar coupled with Dyneema, another extremely strong fabric.

Foot stirrups are included to stop the jeans from riding up in case of a road slide (a feature that should surely be present in all motorcycle jeans?) and you can add Draggin's CE approved armour to the hips and knees for further protection.

All of this padding is fantastic and there's no doubting that the Holeshoot Jeans have a superb finish to them, but they are very cumbersome. As mentioned, they're heavy, thick and if you're riding in warm weather you're going to be close to boiling, and this is a trade off you're going to have to make if you want the ultimate in protection. They may be expensive but there's no arguing with the fact that they feel bombproof and are comfortable to boot.

In a line: A great combination of excellent, bombproof build quality and comfort, but they're a bit warm.



ABR Verdict

Summing up our impressions of the jeans on test

Kicking off with the **RST Denim Dirty Jean** it was nice to see that you can still get decent kit at the lower end of the price scale, of course they won't be as protective or comfortable as a £200+ pair of jeans, but if you're shopping on a budget then they won't disappoint you. £119 seems to be the going rate for most motorcycle jeans these days but it was great to see that **Road Skin** and **Hood** are able to offer fully-lined jeans for this price, and what's more is that they're both manufactured in the UK – big pluses for two excellently made jeans. The Hi-Art used in the **Lindstrands Blaze Pant** provides a very comfortable alternative to Kevlar and the jeans certainly have style, while the **Held Fame II** jeans are worth checking out if you ride with your kids (that's not to say they're unsuitable for adults though). As the price starts to rise the **Bull-it Cargo Sahara pants** offer a very nice alternative to those who don't want the denim look and they come highly rated from a safety point of view, but you might find them a bit warm for use in hotter temperatures. It was great to try a pair of **John Doe Kamikaze jeans**, the styling is brilliant and the full Kevlar lining comfortable, but at £199 they perhaps don't offer enough to justify the price tag. On to the most expensive pair in test, the **Draggin Holeshoot Jeans**, if safety is your top concern then you'll want to spend the extra money, CE Level 2 approved and comfortable to boot, but again, they may be a little too warm for use in the dead of summer. **ABR**



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