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Forcefield Pro Sub 4 back protector • £120

This comfortable, unobtrusive back protector belongs to a small collection of kit that I just can't ride without. It feels reassuringly thick without being bulky and has the best energy absorption of any on the market - it transmits just 3.38KN in the CE test, which sets 9KN as the limit if a back protector is to get the best EN1621-2 certificate.

It achieves this by using the same multi-density absorbent materials featured in Forcefield's other back protectors, with an additional hard armour layer on top to prevent anything penetrating and to spread any impact, thereby weakening its force. It also features kidney protectors built in to the belt.

As well as being supremely protective, the L4 is also very comfortable. It fits easily but snugly under my leathers without being restrictive. It comes with fully adjustable straps, and as you wear it the heat of your body softens it, making it even more comfortable. And the

ventilation holes mean you shouldn't get too sticky when things get hot, though the cover can be removed and washed.

Essential protection.

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