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## Handmade gear tops the chart

Why quality and the personal touch are worth paying for

NEVER heard of MJK? That's not surprising since they're one of club racing's best kept secrets, though they've also made suits for some of racing's big names, too, like Britain's World Superbike champion James Toseland.

Prices start at £600 for a classic, black-only suit and rise to almost a grand for more complicated designs. Each one is hand made from 1.3mm - 1.5mm cowhide and can be bought either off-the-peg or made-to-measure. You can also specify a host of optional extras from extra pockets to higher-spec armour.

They're made in the Netherlands, but imported by GLF in Flitwick (01525 717009).

### YOU SAY



A friend raced in the British Championship and a lot of the racers who had to pay for their leathers wore MJK - so I got to see first hand the sort of damage they could cope with.

The suit is made-to-measure and MJK were able to adjust it when I lost 6in round my waist thanks to Dr Atkins. The adjustment cost £250 but now the fit is perfect.

Jules Jenkins, Evesham

**“They make kit for some top racers”**



**BEST SUIT**  
**95.83%**  
**MJK**



## YOU SAY

I have no complaints regarding the workmanship on my MJK suit and have found it great for both short trips and all-day wear. The suit feels very sturdy and I have no doubt it would afford a good level of protection should the worst occur. The armour feels good and the stretch zone at the knees is great - I only suffer on extremely hot days!

**Simon Longlands**

I've got a made-to-measure MJK suit, which I bought from GLF two-and-a-half years ago. Basic cost was a reasonable £750, but I paid an extra £100 to have top-spec T-Pro armour fitted. I went for a two-piece as I've already got a one-piece for the track. I've used it for everything from track days to rideouts and European touring. It's been comfortable from the off, showerproof, and I've no doubt it would be excellent in a crash. All in all, no complaints whatsoever (and Graham at GLF really knows his stuff).

**Sean Brodrick**

I wanted a two-piece made-to-measure and visited both BKS and Crowtree. Crowtree got my cheque as their garment was much better value - £800 compared to £1300. My original order was delayed. When it arrived the box contained a handwritten note and box of chocs! The connecting zip failed after three years of abuse so I went back and it was repaired free. I wax them once or twice a year and they look better than new. Go treat yourself to a second skin!

**Jonathan Harman**

## OVERALL RATING

1	MJK	95.83%	10	Alpinestars	82.20%	19	Scott	75.00%	28	Lookwell	67.65%
2	Crowtree	93.75%	11	Dannisport	82.14%	20	Shoei	75.00%	29	Frank Thomas	67.37%
3	BKS	90.71%	12	Furygan	82.14%	21	Swift	74.34%	30	Belstaff	67.22%
4	Hideout	89.52%	13	Spyke	80.49%	22	Richa	72.66%	31	Buffalo	64.77%
5	Arlen Ness	87.50%	14	Spidi	79.29%	23	RST	72.36%	32	JTS	63.19%
6	Texport	84.46%	15	Joe Rocket	79.00%	24	Fieldsheer	71.95%	33	Akito	61.89%
7	Wolf	84.38%	16	REV'IT	78.75%	25	J&S	69.79%	34	Corner	61.21%
8	Triumph	83.04%	17	Teknic	76.16%	26	IXS	69.70%	35	Riossi	61.05%
9	Dainese	82.44%	18	Hein Gericke	75.33%	27	Axo	68.52%	36	Proto	56.41%

## HOW IT BREAKS DOWN

### GOOD PROTECTION

1	MJK	100.00%
2	Crowtree	98.68%
3	Spidi	98.57%
4	BKS	97.47%
5	Hideout	96.97%
6	Furygan	95.45%
7	Dannisport	95.24%
8	Dainese	94.73%
9	Teknic	93.48%
10	Swift	92.31%
11	Spyke	91.46%
12	Arlen Ness	91.38%
13	Alpinestars	90.58%
14	Wolf	90.00%
15	Hein Gericke	89.80%
16	Texport	89.47%
17	RST	88.36%
18	Shoei	87.80%
19	Richa	86.67%
20	Triumph	86.21%
21	IXS	85.44%
22	Belstaff	85.42%
23	REV'IT	85.00%
24	Buffalo	84.85%
25	Joe Rocket	84.62%
26	Scott	83.33%
27	Axo	82.14%
28	Lookwell	81.08%
29	Fieldsheer	80.43%
30	Corner	80.00%
31	J&S	79.17%
32	Frank Thomas	78.86%
33	JTS	76.32%
34	Riossi	73.91%
35	Akito	69.70%

### BUILD QUALITY

1	Crowtree	98.68%
2	Hideout	93.94%
3	MJK	92.00%
4	BKS	91.14%
5	Arlen Ness	89.66%
6	Texport	81.58%
7	Dainese	80.12%
8	Spyke	78.05%
9	Furygan	77.27%
10	Spidi	77.14%
11	Alpinestars	76.81%
12	Scott	76.19%
13	Triumph	75.86%
14	Swift	74.36%
15	Wolf	73.33%
16	Joe Rocket	69.23%
17	Hein Gericke	65.50%
18	Dannisport	61.90%
19	Shoei	60.98%
20	Axo	60.71%
21	REV'IT	60.00%
22	Teknic	58.70%
23	Belstaff	58.33%
24	Lookwell	56.76%
25	RST	56.16%
26	Richa	53.33%
27	IXS	51.46%
28	Fieldsheer	50.00%
29	Corner	43.33%
30	Frank Thomas	40.60%
31	JTS	36.84%
32	Akito	33.33%
33	J&S	33.33%
34	Buffalo	27.27%
35	Riossi	26.09%

### COOL IN SUMMER

1	Wolf	70.83%
2	Texport	63.16%
3	Joe Rocket	61.54%
4	Alpinestars	57.61%
5	Arlen Ness	53.45%
6	BKS	53.16%
7	Dannisport	52.38%
8	Swift	51.28%
9	Axo	50.00%
10	Teknic	50.00%
11	RST	49.32%
12	Hein Gericke	49.16%
13	MJK	48.00%
14	Spidi	47.14%
15	Corner	46.67%
16	Triumph	44.83%
17	Akito	43.94%
18	Buffalo	43.94%
19	Lookwell	43.24%
20	Richa	42.22%
21	Spyke	41.46%
22	Fieldsheer	41.30%
23	REV'IT	40.00%
24	Frank Thomas	37.92%
25	IXS	37.86%
26	Belstaff	37.50%
27	Shoei	36.59%
28	Furygan	36.36%
29	Hideout	36.36%
30	Dainese	36.31%
31	JTS	34.21%
32	J&S	33.33%
33	Proto	33.33%
34	Scott	30.95%
35	Riossi	28.26%

### VALUE FOR MONEY

1	Arlen Ness	87.93%
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33	Furygan	50.00%
34	Dainese	48.88%
35	Alpinestars	47.10%

## PUB FACTS

### WHAT YOU TOLD US ABOUT YOUR GEAR...

- The most expensive set of leathers were a bespoke set of BKS at just under £2000
- Most coppers prefer Hein Gericke when off-duty, though two officers managed to get a set of BKS each for now!

- What do waiters wear? Arlen Ness is the answer according to RIDER POWER 2005
- If you're the unemployed bloke who wears Dainese and rides a Fireblade... we're all very jealous
- Both RIDER POWER's deep sea divers wear Crowtree



Are you the cop who got free BKS kit?