

They look just as preppy as L.L.Beans, yet protect your skin like rider pants.

Aerostich Protekt Khakis -- While motorcycle blue jeans with ballistic knee inserts have been around awhile, Minnesotabased Aerostich has come out with a new twist on casual riding gear with its Protekt Khakis. You zip the zipper down the side of the knee, slide in the CE-compliant TF impact armor knee pads, zip 'em back up and off you go. The triple-layer knee and seat areas hide 500D Cordura middle layers for enhanced abrasion resistance. So these offer the same protection as a lot of regular riding pants but with the benefit that when you arrive at the office you simply remove the knee pads and go about your day, dressed just as preppy as any of the other law partners. They feel just like your regular khakis, only thicker.



The knees of the Aerostich Protekt Khakis zipper open to accept tough knee pads then zip closed to keep them in place.

We would have liked hip inserts, too, and Aerostich may add those later, but as they are, these offer both comfortable cotton and serious protection. Much better than the blue jeans you may occasionally wear, though Aerostich also offers both ballistic blue jeans and protected canvas pants. Khakis are \$127, jeans \$117 and canvas pants are \$87.