



Aerostich Transit 3 Suit

AEROSTICH'S TRANSIT 3 SUIT marries the aesthetics and protection of leather with the breathability and waterproof properties of synthetic materials. Stoutly constructed of Corium+ material, the suit features a perforated finish that looks and feels like real leather, but contains an integrated membrane and chemical treatments to ensure it stays dry and light during downpours.

The suit's contemporary styling doesn't stray far from Aerostich's original Transit and Transit 2 suits. Most of the shell is comprised of the Corium+, while a stretchy elastane fabric is used in the armpits and rear side of the knee areas. Impact areas such as the elbows and knees get 1.4mm thick solid leather, while the perforated sections are 1.2mm thick — in the same ballpark as track leathers. For conspicuity at night, a massive 3-inch-tall reflective band runs across the back of the jacket, with matching 8- x 3-inch swatches located on the pant ankles.

The interior has a soft polyester/polyamide mesh liner, which thus far is wearing like iron. As expected at this price point, a full suite of Aerostich's TF5

CE Level 2 molded viscoelastic foam armor lives in integrated pockets in the back, shoulders, elbows, knees (hips are level 1).

Storage is more than adequate, with four exterior and two interior pockets on the jacket, plus two more on the pants. The handwarmer pockets on the jacket and both pants pockets are soft-lined, so they won't scratch delicate items like cell phone screens. The suit features beefy YKK zippers throughout, sealed on the exterior for additional protection from the elements.

I've been utilizing the Transit 3 for commuting duty since last winter. The cut and fitment of this suit is fairly neutral and ran true to the Aerostich sizing chart. At first, the suit was a bit stiff to wear, but after a solid week of daily commuting, it broke in and transformed into a supremely comfortable second skin. Likewise, the relatively low profile armor conformed to

my shape after a few rides (although it can be quite rigid when cold.) There are ventilation ducts throughout the jacket, and overall airflow was good for a multi-season suit, though not nearly as free-flowing as all those perforations would lead you to guess. I found that wearing a water-soaked base layer such as LD Comfort under the Transit 3 jacket with all the vents closed was enough to stay cool for hours in the worst of this summer's sweltering heat.

The Transit 3's greatest strength is that it is truly waterproof. Not a drop ever leaked inside, even in some truly biblical downpours, which isn't something normally said about leather suits. In short: As a truly multi-functional leather suit, the Transit 3's combination of robust build quality, fully armored protection and 4-season practicality under any riding circumstance this commuter encountered simply can't be beat. The Aerostich Transit 3 Jacket retails for \$987 and the pants are \$897.

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