

Endura Clothing

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The City of London Police has worked closely with Endura, a Scotland-based manufacturer of technical cycle-wear, to develop a range of bespoke police clothing for the City Police Cycle Patrol Team. Working with the author, Endura's Jim McFarlane adapted items from Endura's existing line of cycle clothing for police use. This collaboration has helped ensure that the products meet the specific needs of the cycle team and are of the highest quality.

The modification was to add the word 'Police', in Scotchlite® reflective material, to garments. This helps officers in two ways. The reflective material, in nighttime conditions, helps create the outline of a cyclist, enhancing safety by making other road users more aware that a cyclist is in their view. Secondly, the 'Police' labels help the officer to be identified as a police officer more readily, which should assist officers in court where the accused is using the defence of not recognising a police officer in uniform.

A reflective 'Police' label has been applied to each leg on the Endura Tech Pant waterproof overtrouser for men and on the Gridlock waterproof overtrouser for women. In addition, a 'Police' label has been applied to the rear panel in the seat of the trouser. This is very effective from the rear when in the riding position.

Reflective 'Police' labels have been applied to the Endura Cairn and Pulse tops. On the long-sleeve version, 'Police' is written down each arm and is highly visible to the front and side of an officer in riding position. The short sleeve tops have the word 'Police' written across the arms, which is visible from the side.

Endura have re-launched their Rannoch 'Roubaix' fleece top specially for the City of London Police. They have added the reflective 'Police' down each arm, one on the back, and a smaller one on the chest. This top is very popular with cycle patrol officers; it provides good protection from the wind and is warm when supplemented with a base layer. The additional logo on the front and rear allows officers to wear the top on other duties. They are both smart and identify the officer clearly.

For the summer, Endura have supplied the City of London Police Cycle Patrol Team with their MT 500 baggy cycle short. Reflective 'Police' labels have been added to the grey side panels and the seat panel. These are visible a full 360 degrees. The shorts are very popular with officers as they are fully adjustable and have numerous pockets.

Endura have even added small 'Police' labels across the knuckle area of their Dexter glove.

Overall, the City of London Police and Endura have developed both a high standard of cycle patrol uniform that have been supplied at a very good cost and a good working partnership.

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