

← **ENDURA FS260-PRO BIBSHORTS**

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Unlike Trina, I've been wearing and loving bib shorts for a while—the no-waistband comfort factor is unmatched, especially for rides involving beer. However, I agree with her that they can be less than convenient for nature breaks. (Which is a problem on rides involving beer.)

Endura's solution is clever and functional: they put a half-circle zipper around the butt to create a dropable flap, the modern equivalent of those old-timey wool union suits with the two buttons. It's very effective and easy to use—no need to remove my jersey, quick to operate. The zipper is unobtrusive, and an inner flap keeps it from rubbing. I was worried about pinching skin in the zipper, but that never happened; there's a little tab at the end to make it easier to zip.

Other than that, these shorts fit well and are comfy. The mesh straps are positioned to the sides so that they don't crowd mammary glands. The chamois is not the thickest, but it has a good shape as well as some stretchiness. The fabric seems durable. Like the Pearl Izumi shorts, these also have silicone on the wide leg elastic and some reflective details.

Endura's lady bibs work great alone or as a first layer. They're a really good bargain at \$90—I would pay more for this comfort and convenience.

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