
Endura *Singletrack II*.

Price: £47.99, liner not included
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This is the second iteration of Endura's Singletrack short, and the synonymous naming is purely coincidental... That said, I could draw plenty of parallels between our magazine and these shorts were I so inclined. Practical, down-to-earth and sleeker than the average baggy, they have become a very useful bit of everyday kit for me.

Construction is predominantly Cordura and despite doing most of their miles in peak bramble season, they are still snag-free and looking as good as new. A seam-free stretch gusset means they're comfy enough to wear alone for shorter rides and the close cut doesn't scream 'CYCLIST!' when you're sat in the tea shop, either. They've got stretch in the right places and though tough materials mean they feel heavy in the hand, this translates to 'reassuringly sturdy' when on.

The water-repellent coating has so far resisted my best efforts to wash it out. It's effective in light showers; it wets out in torrential rain but the fabric of the shorts dries quickly enough. Waist adjustment is taken care of by sturdy velcro tabs and the hip pockets have magnetic closures that look after themselves – ideal if you're prone to forgetting to do up zips/poppers.

A popper system means you can fix Endura's own padded liners, or go with a free-floating pair of your choice. Even without a liner the price tag is reasonable, they're going to last for a long time and you'll get your money's worth out of them. A men's version is available too, so nobody misses out on the awesomeness of a cleanly cut, hard-wearing pair of shorts.

Overall: The LBD of mountain bike shorts; a proper, every-ride staple.

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