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MENS SS TRI-SUITS



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TRIATHLON
BEST
VALUE

2XU PERFORM FULL

€130 The Perform Full from Aussie brand 2XU creates a style-versus-substance debate. While this test shows a growing trend for tri-suits to be more interesting in their visual design (look no further than Raceskin), 2XU have gone conservative with an uninspiring, wishy-washy blue and black combo. Thankfully, the substance of the suit is far more exciting. Top-quality fabrics and engineered panelling deliver comfort and aerodynamics, and there's a constant sense that it provides amazing support for leg muscles. The full-length front zipper is complemented by a middle vent to keep temperatures down, the low-density pad is extremely comfortable on the bike, and the overall fit is generally excellent. Less positive: the arms can bag slightly on narrower shoulders because the silicone grips are so effective, while the pockets are a little looser than is ideal. 2xu.com

90% **VERDICT** THE LOOKS ARE A LITTLE DULL, BUT THE PERFORM FULL PERFORMS VERY WELL ON THE BIKE AND RUN

RACESKIN FUNKY SKULL

€135 In the Funky Skull Speedsuit, Raceskin have produced a tri-suit that lives up to its name. The titular Skull design is striking and typical of Raceskin, who are celebrated for their custom tri kit. There's plenty more to like as well, such as generous movement in the shoulders, well-positioned rear pockets and an effective zip cover that's so good it makes you wonder why you don't find it everywhere, while the full-length zipper allows for easy toilet stops. Yet there are downsides. The pad is double density but for longer rides didn't prove as comfortable as others on test, suggesting it's more appropriate for short- rather than long-course racing. The Lycra fabric and flatlock seams are comfortable, but the sizing was an issue as it was a little short in the body for us, producing a slight 'dragging down' effect on the posture when running. raceskin.co.uk

82% **VERDICT** GREAT VISUALS AND ZIP GUARD, BUT THE PAD MEANS THIS SUIT IS BETTER SUITED TO SHORTER DISTANCES

YONDA VELOCITA

€129 The Velocita from Brit brand Yonda proves to be a mixed bag. Its **Carvico** fabrics are handmade in Italy and are extremely soft, breathable and aerodynamic. The comfy pad is free of any irritating chafing on the bike and easily forgotten on the run, making it suitable for any triathlon distance. Yonda pride themselves on design and the Velocita is largely an attractive suit, yet with some slightly strange mesh panels on the legs. While the sleeves went down to the elbow and are held in place admirably, the leg grippers let it down a little. The back pockets are generous but a little loose, which isn't ideal for swimming or keeping nutrition steady on the run, while the fit is somewhat restrictive in the upper body. The full-length front zipper is a welcome addition for longer races, though, and the price is appealing for the quality fabrics. yonda-sports.com

80% **VERDICT** STYLISH AND SMOOTH FABRICS, BUT A FEW FLAWS STOP THE VELOCITA FROM SCORING HIGHER