



Campagnolo 11 Speed C655 bib-short £169.99

11 SPEED is Campagnolo's flagship clothing range and was introduced shortly after its groupsets with the additional sprocket came onto the market. The 10-panel design uses the high-stretch Lycra Power fabric to support the muscles like compression clothing, aiding performance. This is really felt on the leg of the short and at the large leg gripper, and holds the muscle solid when riding. The large leg gripper also helps give ample length to the short. In contrast, an ultra-light Revolutionary Lycra is used on the front of the short and at the hips.

This causes the shorts to rumple up when seated and although it is noticeable to the eye, is not felt when riding. I could, of course, have had the next size down but the compression on my leg suggested not.

This did not affect the position of the Anatomical TriProPad. This pad has enough padding on your sit bones for long days in the saddle and it's pretty good at wicking moisture too. At first I was dubious of the high back, but never experienced any overheating. There are also two rear pockets should you really need them. Overall, the features, cut and pad are pretty good, even if the price tag is a little hefty. DD
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