



UPGRADE

# SANTINI DELTA JERSEY & BIBS

£95 (Delta Pietra jersey) ★★★★★

£120 (Kharma Delta bibs) ★★★★★

► Santini's tech collaboration with Polartec

**WE SAY...**  
*Superb combination  
 that works with you  
 not against*

**T**he Delta Pietra jersey is designed for optimum heat management. Hence, its use of the latest tech fabrics from Polartec. The main body of the jersey employs Power Stretch, a close-fitting fabric that offers a full four-way stretch. This ensures the chest and mid-length arms fit like a glove and flow with you beautifully. On the back and beneath the arms is the new Delta fabric, which has an almost mesh-like appearance. It works wonders when you're working hard, pulling moisture away from your skin and, in turn, regulating your temperature and keeping you dry. It's truly impressive and has been my go-to jersey through summer and into the autumn as it continues to work well under a gilet. It's windproof for cooler days, too.

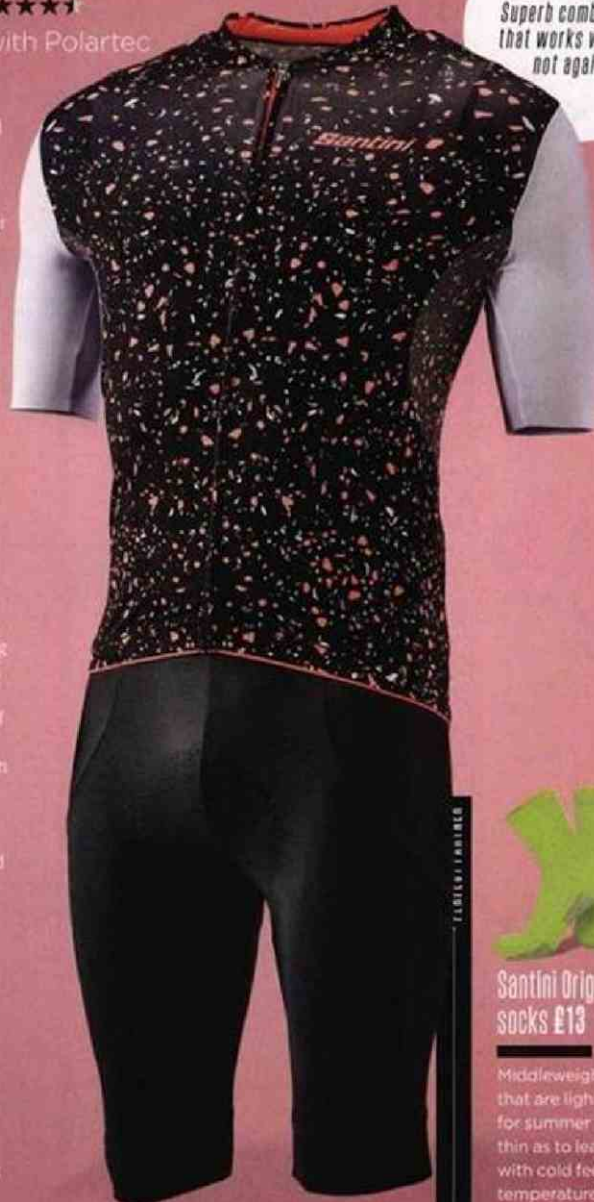
The matching bib shorts are made from a material called "Thunderbike Power". These elicit a compressive fit without feeling restrictive, while the high stretch offers plenty of resistance and support for tired legs after long days in the saddle. The mesh-like Delta fabric is also used on the braces and Y-shaped back of these shorts and, like the jersey, do a great job of keeping you comfortable by releasing moisture rather than retaining it - especially useful when working hard. The shorts are finished with a deep 2.5in cuff on the legs, which holds them firm, and the cuffs are backed up with a honeycomb-pattern, silicon-grip print. The pad is Santini's GTevo, which is multi-layered and has a gel core. It's a deep, luxurious pad designed for long endurance rides and it works superbly. It's thick but the glue-free construction of the multiple layers means it's still compliant so moves with you rather than feeling like you're sitting atop.

This Delta combination works well in temperatures from the low teens to the hot test-centigrade of high summer.

**HIGHS**  
 Great temperature regulation

**LOWS**  
 You'll need something thicker for deepest winter

Mind you, it works well as a base for autumnal rides, too, and has become one of my most versatile all-year-round kits. Like most Italian clothing, sizing is on the small size so ideally try before you buy. Achieve your perfect fit and you won't be disappointed.



Santini Origine 365 socks £13

Middleweight socks that are light enough for summer yet not so thin as to leave you with cold feet when the temperature drops. Dryarn carbon inserts in the weave resist odours and the main Gskin fabric is fast drying, too.

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