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JERSEYS

1. Castelli Split Second Jersey \$150

Patches of dimpled fabric are supposed to cut wind drag. It's hard to say if the gains are significant, but who cares? Just pulling on this sleek jersey makes you feel like an Italian racer. castelli-us.com

KILLER VALUE

2. Swobo Short Sleeve Merino Jersey \$98

After vanishing for a few years, Swobo is back and producing the same lust-worthy merino gear that built its reputation. These jerseys are cut generously, feel great on the skin, and, thanks to natural anti-stink properties, don't need to be washed after every ride. swobo.com

3. **Twin Six The Motor** \$70
Tired of the *Matrix*-inspired graphics favored by most bike-apparel companies? Get your very own *maillot jaune* with this boldly simple polyester jersey. twinsix.com

SHORTS

4. Louis Garneau Carbon Ion H-Flexx Shorts \$170

In spite of the daunting name (note to Garneau: Don't let the lab guys name things), these shorts work quite simply. The stout carbon-infused Lycra provides plenty of support but still wicks moisture on the hottest days. louisgarneau.com

KILLER VALUE

5. Descente Athletic Classic Pro Chevron Short \$90

You think titanium bottle cages are a bit, um, extravagant. Your shorts: the Classic Pro, with solid construction, trim fit, and a workhorse chamois—all at a bargain price. descenteathletic.com

6. Castelli Free Bibshort \$230

The price promises a lot, and these shorts deliver. The bib is cut away in front to reduce binding and overheating, the fabric is impeccably sculpted to a riding position, and the chamois feels custom-fit. castelli-us.com

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