

Workwear survey

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A knee pad from Body-Tec

Today's workwear combines style and comfort with practicality:

Body-Tec specialises in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including knee pads, back support belts, work gloves and joint supports. The company has recently developed a hard cap and anti-slip knee pads and redesigned its soft cap knee pads.

A new version of the manufacturer's air suspension knee pads was launched in early 2008. Other products include short-fingered work gloves with built-in wrist straps. These new products will be shown alongside the full range of Body-tec PPE at the Safety & Health Expo at the NEC Birmingham from May 13-15.

www.body-tecuk.com
Bosch has a new range of workwear in two designs of trousers, a tool vest, a fleece jacket, and a waterproof, windproof, yet breathable jacket and trouser set. Stress points, such as on pockets, are double stitched, while trouser seams are triple stitched.

www.bosch.co.uk
Engel Workwear aims to provide both smart and functional clothing. A water- and dirt-repellent finish is applied to the company's WorkZone Holster Pocket Trousers that also include breathable fabric and a soft-brushed reverse. The trousers are reinforced with Cordura and include triple-stitched seams and many fixed and foldaway pockets.

The WorkZone Casual Zone reportedly provides sturdy,

*With acknowledgement to Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca

functional and comfortable workwear. Casual Cargo pants which are reputedly dirt and stain resistant. This technology is said to protect the textiles against water, wind, grease, dirt and stains.

Memory foam knee pads from WorkZone are vented for aeration and insulated for protection from cold surfaces.

www.f-engel.co.uk

The High Viz Shop supplies a wide selection of high visibility clothing. Assorted gloves are also available and the company claims to be the only UK supplier to sell left or right-handed gloves separately.

Makita workwear, made by Dickies, carries the Makita black and red colour theme and reportedly uses hardwearing fabrics and finishes designed for on-site comfort, functionality and durability.

The three-in-one jacket can be worn as a complete two-piece set for extra protection, or as a lightweight

jacket or as a zip-in fleece-only option. Makita's padded shirt has

a new Microfibre finish to reportedly provide extra protection from the elements.

www.makitauk.com

Mascot has added a pair of three-quarter length craftsman's trousers called Pinhel. The trousers will be available from May and incorporate a lightweight material said to make them very comfortable to wear in warm summer temperatures.

The spacious fit and the functional details all contribute to the best possible working conditions, says the company.

The trousers have extra reinforcements on exposed areas such as the knee pad pockets, the holster pockets and the rule pocket.

The trousers are said to appeal to wearers who want more from their workwear than outstanding functionality. They form part of the



Pinhel, a three-quarter length trouser from Mascot



Snickers' work trousers made from polyamide and cotton



WorkZone Holster Pocket Trousers (below) and kneepads (left) from Engel Workwear



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