

# dhb Aeron Bib Shorts



by [Stu Kerton](#) May 31 2016

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**Weight:** 179g



The dhb Aeron bib shorts are new for 2016, an evolution of Wiggle's house brand's Aeron Pro shorts and boy are they good. It kind of makes you wonder why you need to pay more really.



For me it's the MITI Granfondo fabric that makes the Aeron's a winner which according to Wiggle is a mixture of Mititech Power and Interpower fabrics. The Power gives you a compressive style material with the Interpower providing the breathability and wicking capabilities.

Whatever it is the fabrics are up to, the moment you put these shorts on they feel like a second skin. They're supportive for the muscles and smooth against your legs moving without crease or bunching. They're ideal for those long rides when the tiniest little irritation can become a real issue.



The silicone grippers keep the bottom of the legs in place even at really high cadences and the mesh bibs keep your upper body cool and comfortable with nice wide straps that don't dig into your shoulders.

All of that isn't worth much though if the pad isn't up to scratch. Thankfully, the CyTech Tour HP Super Air chamois is very much up to scratch. Overall the pad is quite wide but it's the varying density sections that really make the difference. It's deeper at the rear, under your sit bones, where you place more weight and about half that thickness at the front so it's unobtrusive when you're crouched in the saddle.



There are channels between the thick sections to maintain blood flow and numbness was never an issue. The whole pad feels supportive, firm enough that you sit on it rather than in it but with enough give to allow some movement.

I rode these shorts on a few four and five-hour rides and they felt just as comfortable when I got off of the bike as when I got on.

They come regulation black but with subtle highlights in a range of colours (including black for those who have a Henry Ford policy about shorts) which give them a very classy look.



The overall quality of the construction and materials is top notch and almost unbelievable for just £65; they feel like they are going to last too.

Overall the Aerons are a top notch pair of bib shorts that really punch well above their weight in both comfort and quality.

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## road.cc test report

**Make and model:** dhb Aeron Bib Shorts

**Size tested:** Medium, Black/White

**Tell us what the product is for, and who it's aimed at. What do the manufacturers say about it? How does that compare to your own feelings about it?**

wiggle say, "The domestique or gregario of the dhb shorts line the Aeron Bib shorts are solid and dependable, shorts you can rely on for all your daily riding requirements. The excellent comfort comes from the use of supportive and compressive MITI Granfondo fabric that is also highly breathable giving you comfort from shorter spins through to all day outings."

The dhb range continues to impress with their Aeron bib shorts. Impressive comfort levels and fit for a sensible price.

**Tell us some more about the technical aspects of the product?**

High quality Italian fabrics - compressive and comfortable

CyTech Tour HP Super Air chamois for great performance and maximum comfort for rides of up to 5 hours in the saddle

Shaped leg elastic with silicone particle gripper

Mesh Bibs and Extended back panel for ventilation

**Rate the product for quality of construction:**



**Rate the product for performance:**



9/10

**Rate the product for durability:**



8/10

**Rate the product for fit:**



9/10

**Rate the product for sizing:**



8/10

**Rate the product for weight:**



8/10

**Rate the product for comfort:**



9/10

**Rate the product for value:**



7/10

**How easy is the product to care for? How did it respond to being washed?**

30 degree wash and dry naturally. dnb suggest not to use fabric softeners.

**Tell us how the product performed overall when used for its designed purpose**

Really comfortable for long and short rides.

**Tell us what you particularly liked about the product**

The quality versus price.

**Tell us what you particularly disliked about the product**

Nothing really.

**Did you enjoy using the product? yes**

**Would you consider buying the product? yes**

**Would you recommend the product to a friend? yes**

**Use this box to explain your score**

The dnb Aeron bibshorts are comparable to many shorts costing twice as much. The compressive nature of the material, comfortable pad and overall quality means they come highly recommended.

Overall rating: 9/10

## About the tester

**Age:** 37 **Height:** 180cm **Weight:** 76kg

**I usually ride:** This month's test bike **My best bike is:** Mason Definition

**I've been riding for:** 10-20 years **I ride:** Every day **I would class myself as:** Expert

**I regularly do the following types of riding:** time trialling, commuting, club rides, sportives, fixed/singlespeed,

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## Stu Kerton

Stu knocked out his first road.cc review back in 2009 and since then he's chucked the best part of seventy test bikes around the West Country, a couple of them quite literally! With three alloy and two steel bikes in his fleet he's definitely a metal man (that'll be the engineering background) but is slowly warming to that modern carbon fibre stuff along with fat tyres & disc brakes.

It's not all nostalgia though, after spending the last few years in product design Stu keeps banging on about how 3D printing is going to be the next big thing and he's a sucker for a beautiful paint job too.