



More Clothing from Cannondale: L.E. Carbon

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Cannondale's clothing line continues to provide products that enhance an officer's ability to patrol by bicycle, comfortably. The latest products offered from Cannondale are usually found on the bike, not the rider. No, I'm not referring to a fine made Italian leather seat. I'm talking about carbon technology. That's right, Cannondale clothes are constructed from carbon products which are organic based and extremely durable.

This latest fabric from Cannondale is called L.E. Carbon. When you see Cannondale using the word "Carbon" in their clothing line, they are referring to Cocona™ technology, which incorporates an activated carbon that comes from coconut shells. The activated carbon traps odors and micro-bacteria your body releases during cycling. Throw your L.E. Carbon clothing in the washer and dryer to release all that bad stuff and reactivate the carbon. Cocona™ also provides 45% better wicking than Coolmax!

The first product I tried was a pair of Cannondale's L.E. socks. If you get a chance to wear a pair of these, make sure you look for the "L" and "R". Designers of the L.E. socks actually went so far as to make each sock specific to the left and right foot. Once you have them on the correct feet, you will immediately begin to feel the difference that Cocona™ makes. They're lightweight, cool, and comfortable, but most notably, they don't stink! If for no other reason than the last one, you want to try these.

The next L.E. Carbon product I tried was Cannondale's base layer shirt. Just like the L.E. socks, the base layer shirt was designed to fit the rider's body perfectly. Due to the use of AeroGrid Carbon fabric, Cannondale was able to manufacture a seamless shirt that hugs the rider's body for a custom fit. Until someone makes a moisture wicking bullet resistant vest, what you wear under your vest will only store sweat between you and your vest; any officer would agree with this theory. The usual smell associated with removing one's vest at the end of a shift is virtually eliminated by Cocona™ technology. The L.E. Carbon Base shirt can be worn by itself or worn as added thermal protection on cold days. This specially engineered fabric keeps you cool on hot days and warm on cool days.

L.E. Carbon clothing can be purchased from any Cannondale supplier. The L.E. socks retail for \$14.99 and the L.E. Base Tank retail for \$44.99. For more information about L.E. socks and shirts, along with Cannondale's full line of clothing, go to <http://www.cannondale.com>.

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