

Hi everyone! This is the AskAnnie Podcast horse girl reviews on products you use! First off, thank you for SmartPak for providing us with the Piper Breeches, Piper V-neck, and Piper Long Sleeve Sun Shirt used in this episode.

I was so excited when I pulled these products out of their package, not only because I know the SmartPak brand, but because they were all color coordinated! I love that you can coordinate your entire training outfit based on your preferences with the Piper brand! I received dark navy breeches with cornflower accents, a cornflower v-neck, and a blue pearl long-sleeve sun shirt. I was so excited to see these colors because I have a blue plaid saddle pad that paired with them perfectly.

I've always loved the look of SmartPak breeches, which are always recognizable by their pristine details and excellent fit. I couldn't wait to slip a pair on and try them on for myself. The first thing I noticed when I held these breeches is that they are well made, and that sturdy pieces of fabric were used to construct them. There is nothing worse than pulling on paper-thin breeches, that make you feel self-conscious and in-secure, and these breeches do not even give a hint of that feeling. They are sturdy and strong and fit correctly in all the right places. The thick fabric has four-way stretch and is very forgiving to my body's imperfections and fit well universally. The Piper breeches are low rise, which I normally shy away from, but they fit comfortably over my hips and securely around my waist, about ½ inch under my belly button. I think this is partly due to the 2 inch waistband that connects with two clips in the front. The belt loops are thick and strong, but I specifically didn't wear a belt in them, so that I could feel the true fit of the breeches. A really exciting feature of these breeches is their elastic sock-like bottom. I can't stand the feeling of bunched Velcro under your boot laces that leave harsh impressions and irritations on your skin after long days at the barn and the bottoms of the Piper breeches completely remove that problem. The elastic is easy to pull on over your foot, but then hugs your ankle for a snug, smooth fit under your boots. I rode in these breeches on a relatively warm, sunny spring Colorado day and even with the dark colored fabric, my legs stayed cool and were able to breathe through the fabric. Another feature of these breeches is the back pockets, which are carefully shaped to not interfere with your seat contact, but are large enough to accommodate your cell phone. The piping and threading on the pockets is consistent with the rest of the Piper breeches and the left side even features the iconic SmartPak logo, also tastefully colored to match the piping and threading on the rest of the breeches.

As I mentioned before, I love that these three pieces are in the same color palette and can be easily worn together to form a well-put-together look. The Piper v-neck is an extremely comfortable piece of clothing that is light flowy and also isn't too tight. Another great feature of this top, is that the v doesn't come down too low in the front. Ladies, this shirt is sports-bra approved! Not only was this shirt comfortable to ride in, but then I could also wear it around with my non-horse clothes and feel totally at ease.

The last article of clothing reviewed was the Piper Long Sleeve Sun Shirt. Again, the coloring of this shirt paired perfectly with my Piper breeches and I loved it! To be honest, I don't usually ride in long sleeve shirts because I tend to sweat a lot and end up getting horrible glove and short-sleeve tan lines. This shirt however, may make me change my ways. The fabric of this shirt is a light, breathable athletic material, but the under arms of the shirt is what really made the difference for me. The fabric of the Piper Long Sleeve Sun Shirt from the armpit to the wrist on the underside of the arm is made up of a tightly knit mesh, which is thick enough to not allow odd glances at why your armpit is sticking out, but also breathable enough to allow a constant flow of circulation as you ride. This was so enjoyable to ride

in because even if you did start sweating the fabric and flow immediately blew away any perspiration. Speaking of the fabric, according to SmartPak's website this shirt is made with Coolcore fabric, which is made to wick moisture and regulate your temperature, without any added chemicals, and also features built in UPF-50 protection. The ¼ zip design allows for a professional collared look, but can also be zipped up for added protection. I tried zipping the shirt up and was pleased to find that this resulted in a comfortable fit well below my chin and didn't interfere with my movement.

Overall, I really enjoyed the fit and design of these three products, and thought the sizing was consistent with the normal sizes I wear in most brands. I enjoyed the unexpected innovations of the Piper breeches, the casual comfort of the Piper v-neck, and thoughtful practicality of the Piper Long Sleeve Sun Shirt.

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