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Giordana FormaRed-Carbon » \$250 Giordana got the pad placement memo before building their FormaRed-Carbon (FR-C) shorts. Their T-Select Gel OmniForm insert is small, but it's placed dead-on perfectly to precisely cover the interface between bike and butt, and nothing else. The pad center is filled with gel for comfort and vibration reduction. It's dense enough to take the edge off even the hardest of racing saddles. The rest of the construction is top notch as well. Most notable are the robust straps and leg grippers. They're made of a supportive, snug material called Ametista. Unlike most mesh bib straps, they're not as light and breathable, but they do a great job hugging your body and keeping everything in place. They're also broad and seam-free, which makes for excellent pressure distribution and no chafing. The FR-C shorts are part of Giordana's premium Body Clone clothing line, and they fit the bill. They're among the absolute best shorts we've ever worn in terms of chamois placement, size, and thickness, combined with great fit and supportive, body-hugging feel. As a bonus, Giordana offers them in a "trade" version, which has colored side panels that can be printed with team, club, or company logos. GITABIKE.COM