VELODROM DAYTONA SUNGLASSES



hese sunglasses were designed by a Swedish biker (now pilot) who got fed up with being unable to find a pair of shades that fitted comfortably, without the need to spend a small fortune. After a bit of research he realised the comfort of sunglasses is all down to the bridge of the nose. Big noses, or wide bridges, need a wider frame. "If you often find glasses sitting too high up, these are glasses for you," says the website.

Well, we all got a pair in the Cross Country office and can report that after trying them out flying, driving, running, walking, sunbathing, on the beach, in the mountains, biking and canyoning that they really do do what they set out to do.

Sitting on the face they feel comfortable

and breezy, light. There is no heavy darkness and all-round vision is unrestricted. They feel cool, in the temperature sense. As one who gets hayfever, wears contact lenses to fly and hates dust I found them quite simply the best shades I've ever used with an excellent glovelike fit around the face. The only problem was they kept getting 'borrowed'.

The Daytona model has a choice of three coloured lenses – traditional, yellow and orange. I had traditional so can't comment on the sensitivity of the orange for flying. Older readers may be interested to hear that they can also be bought ready-fitted with a +1.5 bifocal for reading. Younger readers: it'll never happen.

Finally, all this good bespoke Swedish design work comes with a remarkable price: £29 (€35). A bargain. ■ Ed Ewing www.velodrom.se