

## READER EXCLUSIVE

# 'My head was wedged under a Land Rover for 45 minutes...'

MCN reader spends nearly an hour with his head trapped under a 4x4 – and puts his good health down to his helmet. **By Chris Newbigging**

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LOW speed crashes are rarely dramatic incidents you'll remember for the rest of your life, but MCN reader Peter Jones' encounter with a Land Rover is likely to stay with him forever.

Jones was riding his Triumph Speed Triple to work in Shoreham, West Sussex, at 9am on January 29 when a Land Rover Discovery turned right across his path, forcing him to brake heavily and causing him to lock the front wheel and fall off.

He says he and the bike then slid along the road and collided with the car. The bike bounced off the car, but Jones's head became trapped

underneath. The shocked driver attempted to reverse the two-tonne 4x4 to free him, but his helmet was so tightly wedged in he was dragged along the road.

The accident happened close to a police station so emergency services attended in minutes, but it took 45 minutes after the accident for the necessary equipment to arrive to free Jones.

"While I was under the car, I was just chatting to the paramedics about my arm – I broke it five places and also broke my collarbone."

Although his arm injuries are still keeping him from returning to work, Jones is grateful for the protection his clothing gave him.

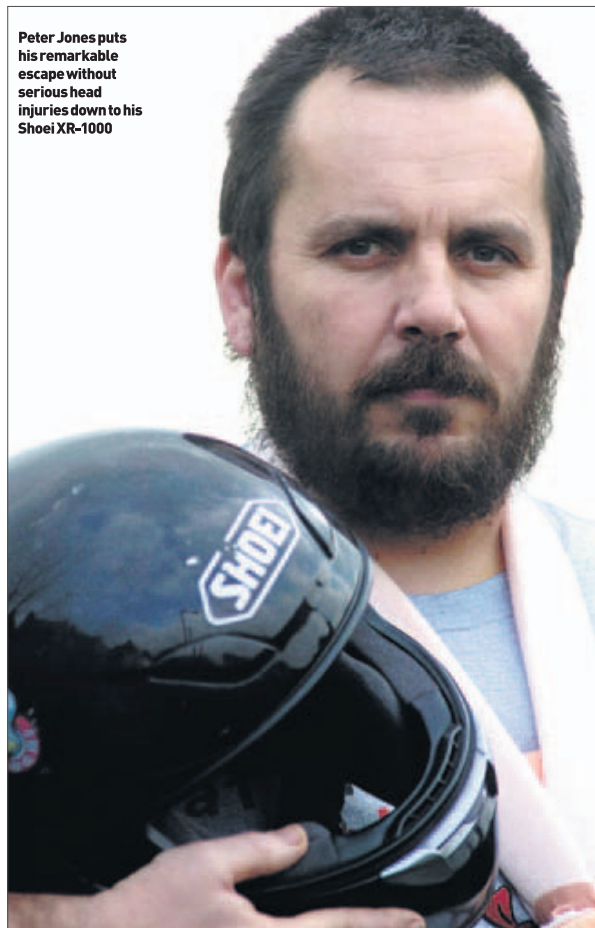
He said: "I've worn Shoeis for many years, and this is

my second XR-1000. It does its job well – my head hit the floor hard and then got trapped under the engine sump, but my head suffered no ill effects. I always have my lids fitted properly, and I shall certainly buy another one. If I hadn't been wearing decent leathers as well, I think my shoulder would have been more hurt."

"I've got my bike back too – the crash only caused minor damage to the side, the radiator and the forks, but until I get movement in my arm again I won't be able to fix it."

The driver was facing a careless driving charge, but has since admitted full liability and will attend a driving course at her own expense instead of prosecution.

Peter Jones puts his remarkable escape without serious head injuries down to his Shoei XR-1000



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## KAWASAKI ZX-10R 0% FINANCE DEAL EXTENDED

KAWASAKI has announced that it is extending the 'Precious Metal' finance deal on all new ZX-10Rs until June 2. The deal requires a minimum deposit of £99, and the rest can be paid off over three years. The deal also covers all new ER-6 models and the new ZX-6R. See your local dealer for details.



## POLICE REFERRED TO IPCC OVER BIKE CRASH

KENT Police has voluntarily referred a bike crash involving a police car to the Independent Police Complaints Commission. The crash happened on Sunday, May 6 in Longfield, causing serious injuries to the rider and life-threatening injuries to his pillion. The crash has been referred to the IPCC due to a police car's proximity to the bike.

## TEST RIDE TOP YAMAHAS

YAMAHA is offering riders the chance to test ride a large selection of its range for free. You can choose from the R1, R6, FZ-1, FZ-1 Fazer, FZ-6 S2, FZ-6 S2 Fazer, FJR1300A/AS, TDM900, MT-01, MT-03, XVS1300 or XVS1900. All you need to do is fill out an evaluation form afterwards at participating dealers, and you'll also be entered into a prize draw to win £85. Find your nearest Yamaha dealer in BikeMart, inside your MCN.

### EXPERT

Rob Fairburn, marketing manager for Feridax, UK Shoei importer



"The incredible strength that Mr Jones' Shoei XR1000 demonstrated in his recent accident can be attributed to Shoei's dedication to making the best helmets that can withstand serious impacts.

"The outer shell of the XR1000 is made from Shoei's own Advanced Integrated

Matrix materials. This bonds a combination of fibres together to produce a strong and incredibly lightweight shell that is designed to absorb and disperse the force of an impact.

"The dual-density EPS (Expanded Polystyrene) inner liner absorbs the force

of the impact, cushioning the head from the forces of the accident.

"Together, these two elements of the XR1000 work together to offer fantastic protection from impacts, whilst offering the rider a lightweight yet extremely strong helmet."

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