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When it comes to clothes and gear for the electrical construction site, form should most definitely follow function. But that doesn't mean you have to completely sacrifice style. These manufacturers are doing their best to help you not only protect yourself but look good doing it.

¹ Perfect for blocking out the racket on most jobsites, 3M's 1450 line of hard hat-mounted ear muffs double the protection of a standard hard hat.

² Riggs Workwear T-shirts from Wrangler are made of heavyweight 7-oz. cotton and feature a relaxed fit for increased mobility.

³ Made of 13-oz. Indura Ultra cotton-nylon blend, Carhartt's flame-resistant unlined duck bib overalls have a chap-style double front and high-temperature nylon center-release buckles.

⁴ The Klein PowerLine four-piece electrician's toolbelt is made of Cordura nylon and has 19 pouches, a hammer holder, and tape thong.

⁵ Timberland's 6-in. Pro Series Pit Boss steel toe boot is waterproof, oil-resistant, and offers electric shock protection.

⁶ The 530NMX-45 flame-resistant athletic style jacket from Workrite can be worn alone or used as a liner for the company's bomber jacket. Its outer shell is made of Nomex IIIA, and it's insulated with 9-oz. Nomex batting.

⁷ Workrite's 150NMX-60 flame-resistant overalls have two front bag pockets with pass-through to inner clothing. The right leg is equipped with a tool pocket, and the elastic shoulder straps are encased in flame-resistant fabric.

⁸ Boas safety glasses from 3M offer style without sacrificing safety. The glasses meet Standard for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection ANSI Z87.1-1989.

⁹ Skillers puts a new spin on the tool belt concept with a yoke/ergo belt combination that connects at the waist with four fasteners. The yoke has two chest pockets, and the belt is equipped with seven velcro attachments for various pouches.

¹⁰ The Holster Pocket Pants from Skillers are made of cotton

duck fabric and feature four front pockets and two back pockets. Top-load knee pockets allow for the insertion of anatomical kneepads.

¹¹ Like the Pit Boss, Timberland's 6-in. Pro-Series Ground Breaker steel-toe boot offers electrical shock protection and is guaranteed to be waterproof. The boots also feature 400g Thinsulate insulation.

¹² The amber tint in 3M's model 1743 safety glasses is intended to improve clarity for work on precision tasks. They offer 99% UV protection.

¹³ In addition to two chest pockets, Skillers' cotton duck tool vest offers four below-the-waist holster pockets and a 2-in. cargo belt inside the vest for secondary support.

¹⁴ The model 3000 hard hat from Bullard features a ratchet sizing system and a wider brim for protection against sun exposure.

¹⁵ Wrangler's Riggs Workwear utility jeans are designed with the company's "motion fit" to improve the fit in the seat, thigh, and knee.

¹⁶ Wolverine's Impact 8-in. steel-toe boots are slip-resistant and protect against electrical shock hazards.

¹⁷ Cushioned brow pads on 3M's Omega II hard hat absorb moisture, and six-point suspension improves stability.

¹⁸ White Rubber Corp.'s high-voltage gloves feature two-color construction to aid in the detection of cuts, abrasions, and other damage. The Class 2 gloves protect to 20kVAC test voltage and 17kVAC use voltage.

¹⁹ Klein's 16-in. canvas tool bag features a wide-opening steel frame mouth. It can hold a variety of tools in eight interior pockets and one exterior pocket.