

# Skinny jeans a poor fit for all

When your pants are gripping you like an anaconda, you need to go up a size



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As a person whose primary fashion choices in the morning are based on cleanliness, I recognize that I'm probably not the most qualified person to be doling out fashion advice. But I'm cultured enough to know that fads generally seem to follow a certain pattern. They catch on slowly, but gradually become so omnipresent you forget what it was even like before they existed.

As soon as people get used to the fad, there's always those who take it one step too far. My current fashion gripe is with so-called skinny jeans. These ridiculous vice-like pants have got to go.

For those who are completely unaware, skinny jeans are just a mutated, more stylized form of the same tapered-leg denim we used to make fun of our moms for wearing when we were in junior high and everyone knew flared leg pants were the shit.

When I bought my first pair, I considered this irony. I mean, if it weren't for the fact that the pants were low enough that even the most aggressive belt job could barely keep my ass crack from showing, I had

essentially just bought myself an expensive pair of "mom jeans."

Another fact that blows my mind about the popularity of these pants is that they combine two design details—tight legs and low waists which are generally unflattering to anyone in the population having a weight in the triple digits. But I'm not here to pick on skinny people—I'm here to pick on stupid people. Low-rise and narrow-leg jeans can look good, provided you wear pants the correct size. However, this is often not the case.

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I was on Whyte with a friend recently, enjoying one of the last days of summer. While walking, he pointed out a girl waiting at a bus stop wearing the most obscenely tight pants I've ever seen.

They turned around and I blushed when I realized it was actually a dude in those wacky trousers. It was a more thorough anatomy lesson than any biology class I've ever attended.

"One really does hang a little

lower, hey?" I commented, and was promptly told that I was gross (which I am).

Skinny jeans are especially trendy because they're unisex—girls, boys, and those in between all seem to be obsessed with them. Now, I'm not so pretentious as to condemn a trend simply because it's popular, and truthfully, I actually like the style, but I can't help but wonder why some people choose to wear them so tightly.

On the whole, boys are by far the worst offenders. I can't count the number of times I've been walking on Whyte or around campus and seen guys who I thought were girls walking like penguins because the pants they were wearing didn't have the seam allowance to let them bend their knees properly. If you're still unsure of whether or not your pants are too tight, here are a few simple guidelines.

Are they hand-me-ups from your twelve-year-old sister? Are you abusing your elevator privileges on campus because taking the stairs results in inevitable rippage? Did you drop your \$200 Psych text and just leave it there because bending over seemed a more onerous task than just buying a new one? When you look at yourself in the mirror, can you count the freckles on your penis? Hey, guess what, your pants are too tight.

Fashion is fluid, and I realize that this won't last forever, but in the mean time, spare my virgin eyes and buy the next size up.



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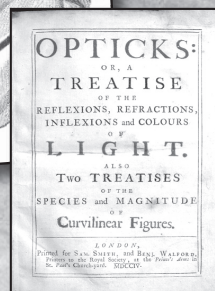
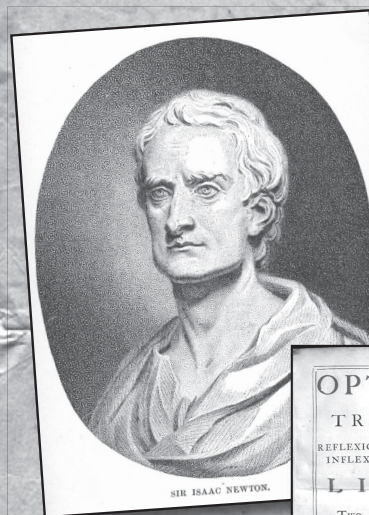
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