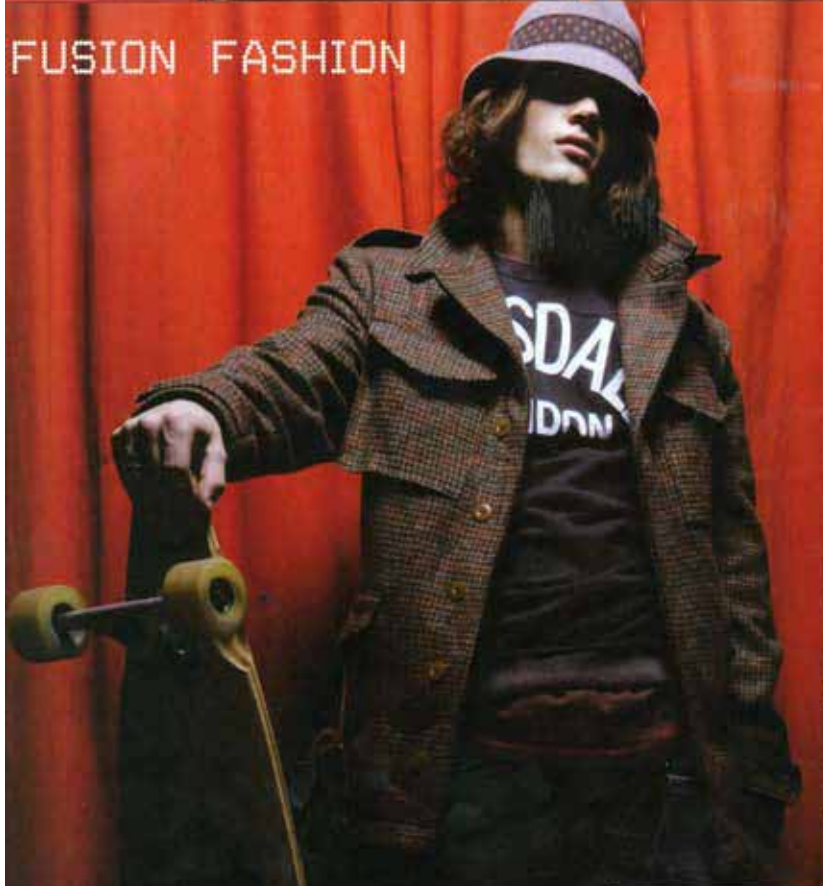




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HALF-PIPE HOTTIE

Cockpit wool herringbone jacket, \$348; Lonsdale London T-shirt; O'Neill "Samurai" jeans, \$69.50; Kangol "Elder" hat, \$65; Dondup leather cell phone case, \$197; Ben Sherman by Loake shoes, \$300.

Cockpit

Launched: Fall 2006. Based in New York, NY. **Who's in charge:** Jeff and Jacky Clyman. **What's in a name:** The cockpit symbolizes "empowerment, of being in control of one's destiny with precision and old-fashioned respect manifested in a vintage collection for today's authentic man." **Design inspiration:** A vintage Americana feel. It's inspired by Jeff's personal collection of vintage clothing and his undying passion for aircraft, along with a sense of luxury. The Clyman's take on vintage is that it "doesn't have to be torn to shreds." The Clymans are famous for outerwear (they created Avirex in 1975), so as one would expect, the outerwear is the real gem of the collection. Fabrics include leather, sheepskin, moleskin and vintage wools in "authentic" fits of 20th century flight jackets, bombers, hunting and sporting jackets. **Who's got it:** Lisa Kline Men, Bill Hallman and Bloomingdale's. **Retail pricepoints:** T-shirts, \$50-\$60; outerwear, \$350 and up; sweaters, \$175-\$250; bottoms, under \$200. **Quote:** "We want the consumer to feel in a safe haven from a world of chaos," says Jacky. "The Cockpit guy is 25-30 years old and anti-establishment. He doesn't want to be told what to do, when to do it and how to do it," says Jeff. **Reason to shop:** An early preview of the collection revealed sumptuous 12-gauge cashmere sweaters, henleys, cool Americana T-shirts in combed pima cotton with cool graphics of vintage pin-up girls, western and outdoor scenes, and Native American motifs. Those who want a new sense of vintage American luxury that's not their dad or granddad's will dig this collection. Also, for anybody who appreciates details, each garment is full of them, from turn-of-the-century military buttons to jacket linings of old war maps.