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# OFF AND RIDING

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*"For my part, I travel not to go anywhere, I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move."*

*—Robert Louis Stevenson*

**AEROSTICH**  
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Equipment for Riders

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## AEROSTICH FLEECE SWEATER

This comfortable sweater is the perfect layer for traveling, especially on chilly mornings or through sudden temperature changes. The offset front zipper reduces multi-layer "zipper stacking." A deep placket provides adjustable comfort, and details like the windproof stand-up collar and lycra bound cuffs and hem are reasons it will never see the back of your closet. The lightweight **TLEC** fleece has a reputation for superior coziness. It packs to nothing, is great over an Electric Vest, and provides maximum layering versatility. Self-stores in its own pocket. S-XXL. USA. 

**TLEC 200 Wind Pro (Grey) #631 \$110.00**

**TLEC 100 Wind Blocker (Blue or Cayenne) #633 \$120.00**



SELF-STORE POCKET



ANTI ZIPPER-STACKING DESIGN

## AEROSTICH MID-LAYER FLEECE TYPES

**TLEC 100: WIND BLOCKER** (Blue or Cayenne): A warm, soft, and comfortable all-purpose two-sided fleece that features a thinner micro velour outer face with a moisture wicking mesh back side. It is slightly thinner than the others, but it blocks most of the wind, and offers 2X faster moisture wicking than other windproof fleeces. Its hidden stretchy membrane offers notable breathability for all day comfort. The thinnest, most packable of these three, it also wins a silver medal for warmth.

**TLEC 200: WIND PRO** (Grey): A new, denser, "super fleece" that is extremely breathable yet provides 4x better insulation and draft resistance than traditional fleece, with increased durability. This medium thickness two-sided grey heather fleece features a soft, smooth midweight low velour face outside, and an even softer, fuzzier velour back side. It provides the thickest, bulkiest insulation and is the most breathable of the three.

**TLEC 300: SOFT SHELL** (Titanium): This beefy fleece blocks 98% of the wind, and offers faster moisture wicking and improved breathability. Outside is a tight, smooth, mat-finished face and there's a warm, cozy high loft fleece inside. The Soft Shell is excellent for off-bike wear because of its luxurious lofty inside, and wears amazing as a mid-layer because your riding gear slides so easily against the smooth outer surface as you move. It's in the middle as far as packing small goes. Our warmest/most advanced fleece.



### AEROSTICH FLEECE JACKET

More than common and generic 'outdoor' fleece jackets, these are both tailored and engineered for riding. Each Aerostich fleece jacket is made right alongside the Roadcrafter's and Darien's, and is designed to work perfectly within all of your riding gear. It's a warm, draft-blocking, comfortable, light-weight layer of added insulation perfect for your three and four season rides. They wear wonderfully off-the-bike, too.

It's the details that make a difference you can feel: We start with genuine Polarfleece (*The original...there are many inferior copies*) and YKK zippers. Design details are notable: each collar is tapered for more comfort with a helmet strap and the sleeve diameter is trimmed down for less bulk under riding gear. Sleeves are more forward rotated, too. And the long underarm ventilation zippers match Roadcrafter suits. Durable Lycra/nylon bindings at the hem and sleeves are comfortable and stop drafts without absorbing water.

The torso is also a bit shorter in front and longer in back for a better fit, and the sleeves are usefully a bit longer than you'll find in typical fleece jackets, too. Zippered inside and outside chest pockets secure valuables like wallets, and zippered side pockets are placed slightly forward for easier access. A quick-draw inner chest pocket is ideal for sunglasses or a bandanna.

A high-warmth, low-bulk jacket that will become your favorite the first time you put it on. Machine wash. S-XXL. USA.

**TL<sup>CC</sup> 100 Wind Blocker (Blue or Cayenne) #1655 \$167.00**  
**TL<sup>CC</sup> 300 Soft Shell (Black) #1658 \$177.00**



### AEROSTICH WINDSTOPPER® JERSEY

A lightweight, thin and versatile garment that's a perfect layering component in mixed weather, especially as a pullover shirt for cool mornings or evenings. Folds/packs compactly into a self-storing pocket so you'll have it along when the weather changes and as you need added protection. Made of GORE-TEX® WINDSTOPPER® fabric that stops, as you would imagine, all wind from drawing your body heat away. Elbows incorporate light padding and a zippered pocket on the left arm is perfect for a phone or iPod. A handy and practical clothing item alone or worn over fleece or electrics and beneath your outer gear. Looser cut facilitates easy on/off. Green, Blue or Tan. M-XXL.

**#2879 \$117.00**



SLEEVE POCKET

### TACTICAL LAYERING: DRESSING FOR VARYING CONDITIONS AND LONGER TRIPS

*"Most of the summer I usually wear a short sleeve 'polo' shirt. When the air is a little cooler I add a long sleeve microfiber button-down shirt over this. Then an Aerostich electric bib, followed by a 100wt fleece pullover.*

*Even colder adds a wind blocking jersey over all the others, then the outer jacket/suit, which at that point can be slightly tight... but is still manageable in terms of freedom-of-movement.*

*If not in a one-piece suit, I usually wear AD-1 Light pants with a Transit leather or Darien Light jacket. Below about 65°F jeans or khaki's are under these pants. Warmer temps mean a well-wash-softened pair of our cotton shorts (worn as 'underwear,' the short-inseam version). And if it's really cold, fleece pants go over jeans, and merino wool long underwear goes on beneath."*

—Mr. Subjective

## AEROSTICH FLEECE PANTS

On extended trips you can count on experiencing higher elevations, all-day cold snaps, or some chilly early starts. These **TL<sup>ECO</sup>** pants are made to a functional, comfortable pattern and pack light and small. For ventilation and convenience, #5 YKK two-way zippers run down the outside so the pant legs fit over boots. The full length side zips and fly make putting them on faster and easier than changing into long underwear. Many riders wear them over their jeans and under a riding suit. They provide a remarkable amount of extra warmth. Machine wash. S (28-30), M (32-34), L (36-38), XL (40-42), XXL (44-46). USA. 

**TL<sup>ECO</sup> 200 Wind Pro (Grey) #630 \$110.00**  
**TL<sup>ECO</sup> 100 Wind Blocker (Blue) #1639 \$120.00**



### MICROFLEECE PULLOVER

Simple, effective, lighter weight polyester fleece insulation that's easy to wear, small to pack and a bargain buy. This Chillnot 100wt fleece is thicker than long underwear but slightly thinner than most regular fleece items – just enough insulation to provide comfort on cool mornings and evenings. Machine washable. Black or Royal. M-XXL.

#2856 \$57.00



### LIGHTWEIGHT MERINO WOOL BASE LAYER

Merino wool is the finest, softest, itch-free wool available. This very lightweight jersey feels like every inch of that. It will keep you warm, but it's breathable and won't make you overheat. It's versatile enough to wear as a primary, mid or under-layer and comfortable enough for lounging around the house. The neck is cut slightly higher for warmth. Machine washable. Stone or Black. 12 oz. M-XXL.

#1849 \$87.00



### NIKWAX WOOL WASH

Increases your wool garments' natural wicking properties and removes dirt and odors. Works on fine Merino garments. Water-based, so it is gentle on the environment. 10oz.

#303 \$9.50

## AEROSTICH OFF-ROAD JERSEY

This comfortable knit jersey maintains a comfortable "touch" even when wet. Made of a substantial polyester, with a bit more body than most, lightly padded elbows and lycra collar and cuffs ensure durability and a good fit. Simple is good. Self-stores in its own hidden pocket. We make these ourselves, right alongside the Roadcrafter and Darien suits. Black, Green or Grey. M-XXL. USA. 

#1867 \$67.00



## AEROSTICH WINDPROOF INNERSHELL

Keep the wind where it belongs. This innershell is a highly breathable mid-layer that resists wind, and adds significant warmth and comfort in a nano-tiny package. The offset placket zipper allows you to easily reach into a shirt pocket without removal. Made of ripstop fabric that's strong, yet light as a feather. Packs ultra small. Functional and looks cool. 3 oz. Black. M-XXL.

#2823 \$97.00



## AEROSTICH SWEATSHIRTS

Heavy duty, super comfortable old-fashioned regular and hoodie sweatshirts. Classic black 90% cotton that looks great in any off-bike scenario, and wears long. Cotton/Poly blend. Black. M-XX.

Standard Sweatshirt #641 \$45.00  
Hooded Sweatshirt #2873 \$49.00



## MERINO WOOL FULL-ZIP SWEATER

This sweater is comfy enough on your skin to be used as an inner layer, yet substantial enough to be used as a mid or outer layer. 100% dense-knit Merino wool resists wind and keeps you toasty, yet breathes so you won't sweat to death. Full zipper and zippered chest pocket. Lower in the back with an interior chin/wind guard and flatlock seams throughout. This is a beautiful item, and the best sweater you will ever own. (The sample didn't make it into our showroom—for testing purposes, or so we were told...) Travel washes and dries well. Blue, Black or Tobasco. 18 oz. M-XL. XXL available in Black only. 

#1848 \$157.00



## NIKWAX TECH WASH

Non-detergent liquid soap specially formulated to protect the waterproof/breathable qualities of outdoor fabrics better than conventional liquid detergents. An excellent prep-wash for NikWax's Wash-In Waterproofer. Biodegradable. 10 oz.

#333 \$10.00



## AEROSTICH PROTEKT JEANS

Clean, simple, old school straight leg blue jeans...with a great trick: Impact armor-holding pockets at the knees, accessed via a hidden zipper. Armor is removed or replaced in seconds, easily, while wearing the pants. All the rest is classic denim jean spec., with fit and cut similar to Levi's 501s.

Specifically, these are carefully sewn of unwashed dark blue 100% cotton 14 oz denim fabric, which is a bit heavier-duty than the more common 10-12 oz denim pants stores carry, but it still shrinks-to-a-custom-fit after a wash or two, which makes these pants extra comfortable and wear a lot longer.

For protection there are three generous hidden areas of abrasion resistant Breathable-Waterproof HT 500D Nylon (...as used in many AeroStich suits) located at the seat and knees. For 'commando' comfort this extra-abrasion-resistant fabric is backed by soft 100% cotton.

As you'd expect there are five traditional pockets, five belt loops and a reliable metal fly zipper, too. But as you wouldn't expect, the hidden seat-protective breathable-waterproof abrasion layer means you can sit on a freshly rain-wetted saddle and not get a wet butt. Nice!

The optional knee armor is positioned in the correct location when riding, and when you're off the bike these are always comfortably flexible.

Stitching is double and triple wherever needed, and a crotch gusset provides extra ease and comfort that's great when mounting up and also as you move around in the saddle.

Fit, quality and protection that's quick, easy and comfortable. They'll quickly become your favorite jeans, both on and off your bike. Made here in America. Size 32-30, 32-32, 32-34, 34-30, 34-32, 34-34, 34-36, 36-30, 36-32, 36-34, 36-36, 38-30, 38-32, 38-34, 38-36, 40-30, 40-32, 40-34, 40-36, 42-30, 42-32. 

#2829 \$117.00

Optional **TF<sup>3</sup>** Armor Set #2815 \$30.00

Optional Low Profile **TF<sup>3</sup>** Armor Set (smaller than **TF<sup>3</sup>** armor, and slightly more comfortable) #1104

\$22.00 Replacement Pads (each) #2816 \$18.00



1 Wash, 5 Washes, Many Washes



## AEROSTICH 'ARBORWEAR' GUSSETED CANVAS PANTS

Heavy duty pants designed for tree climbing. Sounds like ideal wear for casual trips on the bike, yes? No substitute for specialized protective gear of course, but a lot better than regular jeans. Their purposeful construction for tree climbing also applies well to riding, as you can throw your leg over and settle in, enjoying the gusseted crotch and resultant freedom of movement.

Made of strong, pre-washed 12 oz. canvas and featuring a double-layered panel from the knee to mid-thigh, with hidden hook & loop closed access for kneepads, these exceptionally well-made pants are both comfortable and durable. Charcoal. 28-30, 28-32, 30-30, 30-32, 32-30, 32-32, 34-30, 34-32, 34-34, 36-30, 36-32, 36-34, 38-30, 38-32, 38-34, 40-30, 40-32, 40-34, 42-30, 42-32.

Pants #2814 \$87.00

Optional **TF<sup>3</sup>** Pad Set #2815 \$30.00

Replacements Pads (each) #2816 \$18.00





## AEROSTICH PROTEKT KHAKIS

Designed for the commuter, these highly constructed, American made, 100% Cotton twill khaki pants are equally at home in the office, out on the town or riding down the road, thanks to the hidden knee armor pockets and durable, triple layer construction.

Concealed, nearly invisible outseam zippers open to reveal knee armor pockets, allowing easy fitting or removal of **TF3** impact armor, while wearing the pants. It is comfortable and flexible until impact when it instantly stiffens to absorb energy. Remove the armor in seconds once you arrive at work and these khakis look and function like standard-issue office wear.

A triple layer knee and seat area include a hidden 500D Cordura middle layer combined with an additional inner cotton liner for enhanced abrasion resistance. Ride to work, remove the pads, work all day and quickly install pads again for the ride home. Perfect protection for everyday, around-town riding. Machine washable. Patent applied for. 32-30, 32-32, 34-30, 34-32, 34-34, 34-36, 36-30, 36-32, 36-34, 36-36, 38-30, 38-32, 38-34, 38-36, 40-30, 40-32, 40-34, 40-36, 42-30, 42-32. 

#2869 \$127.00

Optional TF3 Armor Set #2815 \$30.00

Optional Low Profile **TF6** Armor Set (smaller than **TF3** armor, and slightly more comfortable) #1104 \$22.00

Replacements Armor (each) #2816 \$18.00



### New Favorites

"I've always wanted a pair of pants to wear into work on warm days under nothing but a button-down shirt and Darien Light jacket. Something that looked exactly like the khaki 'Dockers®' street pants I usually wear under a Roadcrafter. Comfortable pants (especially on hotter days) that would provide semi-decent abrasion protection in case of a crash. Pants with big protective knee pads that would go in and out very fast...while sitting right at a desk. A pair of pants that were all-day comfortable at work.

"So we modified several pairs of actual 'Levi's Dockers®,' making small adjustments and changes to each pair. Eventually, voila — we had some very plain-looking khaki pants that were comfortable all day at work, and for riding, and were not jeans.

"Getting all of this correct took us about a year, squeezed between other work projects. Then finding someone in the USA with this type of pant-making experience — someone to produce a nicely sewn final version — took another year. But finally it all came together.

"I'd wanted a pair of pants exactly like this for more than ten years. Everyday wearing pants that were comfortable commuting, reasonably protective, and that looked ok at work..."

"These are those pants."

—Mr. Subjective 7-13



#### Cooler

Breathable 100% cotton twill that gets softer and better with every wash.

#### Style

Call them whatever...Khakis... Dockers®...Chinos...there are a millions brands. Fine for any office, meeting and work situation.

#### Strength

Hidden 500D breathable/waterproof Cordura nylon in seat and both knees.

#### Commando

Comfortable, lightweight 100% cotton inner liner at seat and behind both knees.

#### Wet Saddle, Dry Butt

Unintended benefit of breathable/waterproof Cordura seat abrasion area.

#### Fast and Easy

Remove and install knee armor in seconds via hidden zipper. (TF3 or TF6 energy-absorbing material.)

#### Fittin' Stylin'

20 Sizes, in regular and tall. Details and fit exactly like department store khakis.

#### Authentic

Made in the United States. Very carefully. They are beautiful.

#### New

Not another pair of jeans.

## Kidney belts go back to the beginning of motorcycling.

Bikes had terrible (or no) suspensions, and roads were rough. Early styles were leather and buckled. Some were home-made and others were custom-decorated with rivets and studs by their owners. The idea was simple: to hold one's guts in place better, and support one's back a little better, reducing fatigue on long rides.

Even with today's smoother roads and modern suspension technologies, kidney belts still make a difference you can feel after a long day of riding. The 'Gold Belt' was the first modern design. Its pioneering combination of stiff ribs, absorbent-and-breathable cotton canvas, strong stretchy Lycra and large areas of hook-and-loop make it easier to wear, more comfortable, more effective, and able to last through years of long rides.

You'll also find them easier to roll up, pack and carry than modern plastic body-armor-inspired belts favored by MX off-road riders. The original Gold Belts are nearly the same today as the belts worn by riders like Malcolm Smith, JN Roberts and many others in early Baja 1000s and other long-distance endurance events. Today, Gold Belts are still the most honest, modern, well made kidney belt available. They provide ideal support for all dual sport and adventure riders.

The more recent patented Back-A-Line goes beyond a kidney belt to add a unique back-support mechanism. The developer and patent-holder of the Back-A-Line wrote this story for us, explaining his product's history:

*"I'm not an orthopedist, an osteopath or a chiropractor, but when I experienced excruciating back pain 18 years ago, they couldn't help. Some background – I was rear-ended by another car in a way that did not seem all that life-changing. In fact, I felt no effects for three days.*

*And then I felt the full force of an invading army on my spine, radiating down my left leg, rendering me in mind-numbing pain and nearly unable to walk.*

*I tried all the standard interventions – 1) the orthopedist who started to talk about surgery immediately, 2) the osteopath who tried to work his magic and, finally, 3) the chiropractor, who gave me a few adjustments and sent me home with, what was then, the state of the art in back supports – a white, elastic 'girdle'. Nothing helped and nothing changed, at least not the level of pain.*

*So I tried a few of the 'folk remedies.' I tried the rolled-up towel – too soft. I tried a board – too flat. So I took a piece of Styrofoam and shaved it to make it curved and also fit into my lower spine. I secured it with a typical pants belt and wore it – and a later molded prototype – for two years until scheduled surgery. (Remember, it was caused by an automobile accident and the insurance company wanted to close the file.) Because I was not only walking, but was also skiing and playing golf, the surgeon ordered an MRI on the morning of surgery. Three hours later, I was on the operating table with the anesthesiologist one inch from my arm and the doctor came in and said, "I've never seen this in all my years of medicine, but you're going home!"*

*I got off the table, thanked him, and went back to my old life – pain-free. It turned out that the 'curved, firm' piece of Styrofoam corrected my old spinal mechanics (postural habits), and stopped me from further damaging my spine while, at the same time, creating new muscle memory to maintain good posture even when I wasn't wearing it. Bottom line, I have been pain-free for the full 18 years, and, at 68 years old, that would be surprising if no car accident had ever occurred."*

Regardless of if you experience chronic back problems or not, either one of these back pads will make your next long ride easier and more comfortable. Give one a try.

—Mr. Subjective 5-13



### BACK-A-LINE

This is not a stretchy support girdle from a local home improvement store, but real, dynamic back support system that reduces lower back pain, ensures firm lumbar support and improves your spinal mechanics. Muscle support and postural assistance are achieved with the built-in curve of the patented back pad integrated into the snug-fitting non-elastic belt. Allows your back to work naturally, providing exceptional support and back pain relief for even long, strenuous rides. A great off-bike tool to encourage a healthier back too. Sweat-resistant, washable and breathable wick-away fabric. Black. Small (27-32" waist), Medium (31"-36" waist), Large (35"-40" waist), XL (39"-44" waist), XXL (43"-48" waist). 

#2874 \$49.00



### GOLD BELT® KIDNEY BELT

The classic motorcyclists' riding belt. Used for years by off-road racers and recreational dual sport riders, the Gold Belt's support is valuable for on-road rides as well. Whether you ride an ST, a GS, or a KLR, the added comfort this belt provides will enable you to ride farther harder and feel it less later. (Makes you look like you don't have a big ol' gut, too.) Black. Specify size: Professional (7" tall, 25"-36" waist), Regular (8" tall, 27"-36" waist), XLarge (8" tall, 36"-44" waist), XXLLarge (8" tall, 36"-48" waist). 

#1809 \$39.00



### MICROFIBER PACKABLE SHIRT

If you do not yet have a microfiber shirt, give this one a try. It's a quality shirt and a nice bargain. The great thing about all microfiber shirts is if (when...) you spill a soft drink (or whatever) all over yourself, simply rinse and wring them dry and you're immediately ready to be a klutz all over again. Try that with a regular t-shirt and you'll end up wearing a wet t-shirt for the next several hours. This long wearing shirt has several useful pockets and a nice clean design. In hot weather it's cool to wear and provides good sun protection. It's great to have a microfiber shirt along for hot weather, as a change of clothing, or for an extra layer on a cool evening. Tan, Olive or Grey. Imported. M-XL.

#1864 \$47.00

### SUPPLEX® SHIRT

The best travel shirt. Summer weight Supplex nylon has a unique moisture-management treatment to help disperse perspiration. It looks and feels like cotton, but dries much faster. A loose cut and strategically placed mesh panels allow plenty of airflow. This shirt has a UPF (UV Protection Factor) of 30. Its extra high, flip-up collar protects your neck and the rubber buttons won't scratch anything. One chest pocket and one "Napoleon" pocket. Imported. Light Tan or Blue. M-XL.

#1860 \$67.00



### SUPPLEX® CONVERTIBLE PANTS

Not only are these pants more versatile and lighter than your jeans...they'll wear more comfortably, too. One secret is the two layer Supplex® twill which is soft-but-strong and has been specially treated to move moisture away from your skin. Both the seat and knees are reinforced for long wear. The waist features a unique conical curve for a perfect fit over your hips. A soft microfiber chamois lines the waistband. A gusseted crotch provides freedom of movement and ankle zips allow you to slip them on and off over your boots. Two front cargo pockets and two rear hook & loop pockets. Great UPF protection. These are the best and most comfortable zip-off leg travel pants made. Imported. Green or Grey. M (31-33), L (34-37), XL (38-41).

#1862 \$97.00



### WHY MICROFIBER?

Microfiber fabrics feel like cotton, wear like iron, and drip dry very fast. Plus, they pack smaller than regular clothes. All provide great sun protection and hot weather comfort, not to mention that they look great and will last nearly forever. (A white cotton tee shirt has a UPF around 5. Dark tee shirt colors are a little higher. These microfiber shirts have a UPF in the 20-30 range.)

*"I love microfiber pants. On trips of any length more than a couple of days I take one pair of them, one pair of jeans, one pair of shorts and one pair Darien pants. This is a mix-and match combo for all temperatures and social situations. Normally I wear the Darien pants over the shorts, which are cotton and can double as underwear. Preferred shorts are like boxer underwear except they have pockets. If it is a little cooler, I'll add the microfiber pants under the darien pants. If it is real cold, I wear all three pants together: Darien, microfiber, jeans. For formal off-bike evenings, I wear the microfiber pants. For less formal off-bike wear, the jeans."*

—Mr. Subjective 4/07

### MICROFIBER PACKABLE PANTS

100% fast-drying, wind-cutting, long-wearing, ripstop nylon...these travel pants are terrific. The soft, comfortable fabric features a DWR (durable, water-resistant) finish and they have received specialty treatments to make them antibacterial, anti-pilling and offer UPF 30+ sun protection. Sporting zip off legs for hot weather comfort, they pack in about a third of the space of jeans. You'll find they make an excellent "2nd pair" to take along for hot weather, and as an everyday change of clothing. Tan or Grey. Imported. M (32-34), L (36-38), XL (40-42).

#2866 \$67.00



## Cotton Riding Shorts

### THE PROBLEM

Something must be done about what to wear under your protective gear when it's warm.

Modern synthetic textile riding pants (and suits) can be less comfortable than minimally-protective denim jeans, particularly when it gets hot.

The only kinds of gym shorts, workout shorts, and almost all other kinds of basic shorts available are made from high-tech, lightweight synthetic polyesters. These thin running shorts dry quickly, which is fine when running. But this doesn't work when you are riding inside a protective suit or wearing a pair of nylon riding pants. And those wonderfully stretchy Lycra 'compression' bicycle shorts which sometimes feel so great on long rides have the same problem: Nylon and polyester worn directly between you and an outer layer of nylon (or polyester) is not especially comfortable when things turn warmer.

Step out of your gear at a roadside stop wearing only cotton boxers (or briefs) and as comfortable as this might be, someone is going to call the fashion-police, and they might come and haul your fashion-butt off to fashion-jail in the back of their fashion-squad car. Just for wearing your good ol' fashion skivvies in public.

Old-school 100% cotton twill all-purpose shorts is what you need. Simple. Unlined. The kind that become softer and better the more you wash them.

If you are younger than about 50 you won't remember them, because you probably never had any like this in the first place. But if you are old these were what you wore for athletics and gym classes when you were back in high school. Attractive. (Not especially.) But so very comfortable.

### THE SOLUTION

We looked all over the place for nice old fashioned cotton gym shorts exactly like these. You'd think finding some would have been easy, with Google and Alibaba and everything else that's right there on the internet. And with Asia full of hungry garment sewers. Not so much.

Finding the perfect shorts was like finding the right temperature porridge in 'The Three Bears' children's story. Some were too lightweight. Some were too elaborate. Some needed a separate belt. Some were too expensive. All had some type of goofy problem.

After a couple of years we gave up and stopped looking.

The hell with it. We made our own. Now they are being sewn every day, here. Right along with the riding suits and pants. In five colors and two lengths. Of a wonderful old-fashioned 100% cotton medium weight twill that gets softer and better every time it's washed.

These all-purpose shorts last forever and they don't look bad when you are just standing around somewhere in your riding boots and a t shirt. Wear them under your riding suit or pants, with or without other underwear. (We recommend commando.) When you are not in your riding gear they look like respectable shorts, yet function like comfortable underwear when you are. Especially after a few washes.

Cotton riding shorts like these are essential riding equipment when you wear synthetic protective textile rider's gear. They're that important. Try them. You won't be disappointed. You'll ride all day in sweet comfort.



### MERINO WOOL BASE LAYERS

Luxuriously soft, moisture-wicking, Merino wool makes a great foundation layer. Tailored with a contoured fit, all seams are sewn flat for comfort, and the collar and fly are double-stitched to keep out drafts. They wear great across a very broad temperature range. Dry overnight after motel sink washouts. Short Sleeve Top (off white or black) and Long Sleeve Top (black) available in M-XXL. Bottom (black) available in M(32-34), L(36-38), XL(40-42), XXL(44-46).

**Short Sleeve Top (Off-White or Black) #1882 \$45.00**  
**Long Sleeve Top (Black) #1884 \$55.00**  
**Bottom (Black) #1886 \$45.00**



### FAST WICKING TECHNICAL BASE LAYERS

Cooler and drier than cotton underwear, and perfect for multi-day trips. Wash out in any sink (and they'll be dry by morning) so you don't have to pack as many. Designed for maximum next-to-the-skin comfort and microclimatic efficiency, this first-layer will keep you comfortable. Trapping warm air next to your skin and allowing moisture to be transported away is the key feature of this fabric. Skinetics® is an advanced wicking fast-dry knit (dries three times faster than cotton). Constructed with durable, comfortable flat seams, and shaped to eliminate bunching and wrinkling. An ideal first layer. Black. S-XL.

**Long Sleeve Top (Black) #1810 \$28.00**  
**Short Sleeve Top (Black) #1811 \$20.00**  
**Fly Front Brief (Grey or Black) #1812 \$16.00**  
**Boxer (Grey or Black) #1813 \$18.00**



## AEROSTICH MID-WEIGHT COTTON SHORTS

These comfy 100% cotton shorts are great for wearing under a riding suit or for relaxing with friends after a long ride. Hand-crafted, artesional quality made of a mid-weight comfy brushed cotton twill that gets more comfy with each laundering. An elastic waistband and adjustable front belt ensure a comfy fit. Two side pockets hold stuff. Go commando. Ride comfy. Black, Green, Khaki, Dark Blue or Grey. We make these ourselves, right alongside the Roadcrafters. M (32-34), L (34-36), XL (36-38), XXL (38-40), XXXL (40-42) Specify Long (9" inseam) or the risqué Regular (6" inseam). 

#2859 \$57.00



9" INSEAM

6" INSEAM



6" INSEAM PICTURED AFTER A FEW WASHES



## TOUGH COTTON SHORTS

Originally intended for rock climbers, these shorts are made of heavy duty, yet soft cotton canvas. The style of cut and the full-length inseam gusset are designed to allow a free range of motion and not bind or cause discomfort. Deep front thigh pockets and flapped rear pockets. These are well made shorts intended to hold up under the most rigorous conditions. And nothing absorbs and cools like cotton, or becomes as soft and comfortable after a few washes. UPF 50 sun protection. 10" inseam. Tan or Grey. Sizes 32,34,36,38,40.

#2865 \$47.00



## PADDED RIDING SHORTS

The shape-hugging-fit of the 92% Polyester / 8% Spandex material in these padded riding shorts provide a secure fit with exceptional airflow

through the lightweight, perforated fabric. A resilient, anatomically designed foam pad covers the entire sitting area from waist to mid-thigh, providing extended sitting comfort both on and off the bike. Makes your butt look hot and your pants fit better too. Machine washable and fast drying, these made in the USA shorts also feature a fly-in-front design for easier access when nature calls. Black. S (31-33), M (34-36), L (37-39), XL (39-41). 

#2867 \$87.00

## MERINO RIDING SHORTS

Our best. Hot or cold. The form-fitting, temperature-regulating shorts are made of Merino wool in an eight-panel design, translating to a fatigue-free

ride via proper support in all the right places. Merino wool is naturally moisture-wicking and dehumidifies your body, so you won't find yourself sitting in a pool of sweat no matter how long you ride. These things really work, and they look and feel good, too. Non-itchy, 100% wool doesn't stink, either. Hand washes in a motel sink and dries overnight. These are really terrific riding shorts. Give your butt a break. M (31-33), L (34-36), XL (37-39). 

#1853 \$107.00



## AEROSTICH RIDING SHORTS

One of the best technology crossovers from bicycling to motorcycling are padded, stretchy shorts. Really. If you've never worn these things on a long ride, you owe it to yourself. They seem to add another couple hundred miles to a day, as they keep the "fanny agony" at bay longer than yer basic briefs. These are a modified version of bicycle shorts, cut slightly shorter in the legs, and with all the Lycra and fleece of the originals. Put a stop to chafing, stay comfortable and keep riding! (Also an old Iron Butt rider's secret weapon.) Black. S (24-28), M (28-32), L (32-36), XL (36-40). 

#1856 \$47.00



### BAMBOO T-SHIRT

So light-weight and unbelievably comfortable, you won't ever want to take this T-shirt off, and the high-tech performance means you may rarely need too. Bamboo fabric technology makes it naturally anti-stinky, great for extended rides or packing light. Wicks moisture and protects from harmful sun-rays too. Fancy cut Raglan shoulder seam adds to overall comfort and freedom of movement for this loose fitting, all-occasion shirt. 55% Organic Cotton/40% Viscose from Bamboo/5% Elastane. M-XXL. Grey, Cobalt or Red.

#2934 \$27.00



### BAMBOO ¼ ZIP BASE LAYER JERSEYS

There's no arguing...women and men agree a Bamboo ¼ Zip Jersey is must have kit for on and off the bike. It's a great layering piece, light and soft, with a practical cut great for wearing under a button-up shirt on a cold day. An excellent base layer and pretty darn comfy on it's own too. The women's version is cut, well...a little more girly with a bit more of a form fitting, um, feature accentuating design than the men's, which is more loose and baggy. The ladies version has thumb-holes at the end of the sleeves too, which prevents the sleeves from bunching when suiting up and keeps cold drafts at bay, which is a nice touch (sorry guys...deal with it). Both sport a semi-lock zipper that stays in place, and of course all the benefits of bamboo fabric apply: Moisture wicking, anti-odor, natural temperature regulation, UPF 50+ protection and 4 way stretch. 55% Organic Cotton/40% Viscose from Bamboo/5% Elastane. Women's S-XL, Men's M-XXL. Black.

Women's Jersey #2931 \$47.00  
Men's Jersey #2932 \$57.00



### BAMBOO FLEECE LIGHTWEIGHT SWEATER

Your basic, useful, long-sleeved ¼ Zip Fleece, but with unique Bamboo Performance Technology™ offering high warmth to low weight ratio that regulates temperature and is naturally anti-odor, to extend travel time between washes. Lock-down neck/chest zipper stays for surprise free ventilation and a Napoleon style zippered chest pocket is great for stashing a snack, bike key, or whatever. A loose fitting, comfy fleece great to have along on every ride. 53% cotton/45% Viscose from Bamboo/2% Elastane. M-XXL. Heather Grey.

#2933

\$67.00



### BAMBOO BOXER BRIEFS

These are the most comfortable pair of briefs you'll ever own. Bamboo Performance Technology™ makes sure your comfortable all day long. This fabric has an amazingly soft next-to-skin feel. It is lightweight, breathable, temperature regulating, moisture wicking, 4-way stretch, anti-odor, easy care and has UPF 50+ sun protection. All performance attributes are inherent to the fabric and do not wash out! Fitted 6" inseam, double layer FlowMesh™ panel at front, open fly and brushed elastic waistband. 55% Organic Cotton/40% Viscose from Bamboo/5% Elastane. Heather. M(32-33), L(35-35), XL(36-38), XXL(40-42).

Viscose from Bamboo/5% Elastane. Heather. M(32-33), L(35-35), XL(36-38), XXL(40-42).

#2921 \$24.00



### BAMBOO BASE LAYER TIGHTS

Soft and stretchable, the heavyweight Bamboo Performance Technology™ fabric offers a second skin fit for added support and comfort. Beyond sublime comfort, this amazing material offers natural temperature regulation, moisture wicking, anti-odor properties for extended wear and UPF 50+ protection. A wide waist band and flat seams will make these a dangerously comfortable bottom layer, whether riding across county, across town, or just hanging out around the house. S(4-6), M(6-8), L(8-10), XL(12-14). Black.

Women's #2929 \$57.00

*"All-day temps in the 30s and 40s fine if one spends fifteen minutes getting ready. Layers and electrics: Merino wool long underwear + fleecy over pants + Darien light pants. And if not on BMW boxer also insulated footwear. Electric vest or liner. Good winter gloves. Fleece. Darien/Transit jacket. An electric saddle would be nice but I've never had one." – Mr Subjective, 12-13*

## BAMBOO + MERINO PERFORMANCE BASE LAYERS

The best of technology and nature united in one incredible fabric. Feels better than 100% wool and performs better than 100% polyester.

- Soft against the skin
- Breathable
- Temperature regulating
- High warmth-to-weight ratio
- Moisture wicking
- Quick dry
- 4-way stretch
- Anti-odor
- Easy care
- UPF 50+ sun protection

All performance attributes are inherent to the fabric and do not wash out.



## BAMBOO + MERINO PERFORMANCE BASE LAYERS

The comfort and performance attributes of bamboo with the natural characteristics of wool combined in a great base layer for all-day, everyday riding. Feels exceptional next to the skin and works with your body, adapting to keep your temperature stable in all conditions. Both bamboo and merino fibers naturally resist odor for protection that never washes out. Moisture wicking, fast drying and UPF 50+ protection. Choose Men's sizes M-XXL, or Women's sizes S-XL. Black.

- Men's Base Top #2923 \$77.00
- Men's Base Bottom #2924 \$67.00
- Women's Base Top #2925 \$77.00
- Women's Base Bottom #2926 \$67.00



## BAMBOO V-NECK TOP

Lightweight technical bamboo fabric performance and function for riding the streets or exploring off-road with the style and comfort for everyday wear, this practical, high-tech short sleeve top is destined to become a favorite layer on and off the bike. The soft, stretchy material wicks moisture, offers UPF 50+ protection and naturally integrates anti-odor technology for extended wear, while a wide V-neck and side-split hems ensure all day coziness. S-XL. White, Navy or Pink.

Women's #2930 \$27.00



## BAMBOO CREW TOP

NEW! A great loose fit performance layer in 3 festive colors, this women's Krewe has a flattering scoop neck with a raw edge hem at neck and bottom opening. The Bamboo Performance Technology™ gives this performance jersey natural temperature regulation, moisture wicking and anti-odor protection for everyday wear or under intense activity. UPF 50+ protection. 55% Organic Cotton/40% Viscose from Bamboo/5% Elastane. S-XL. Pink, Green or Blue.

Women's #2935 \$27.00



Endurance

## BAMBOO SPORTS BRAS

Providing good mid-impact support with extreme comfort and amazingly soft next-to-skin feel, these sports bras retain all the benefits bamboo fabric has to offer including 4 way stretch, anti-odor, Natural UPF 50+ protection and moisture wicking properties. Great all-day comfort and support for long-distance riding, off-road adventuring, or everyday wear. The Endurance Bra features a 7.5" compression inseam with a 1.5" wide, supportive band for maximum comfort, with seams hemmed to the outside to eliminate chafing. The Intensity Bra offers adjustable straps, a wide bottom band for extra support and front mesh panel and key hole cutout at back for strategic ventilation. 55% Organic Cotton/35% Viscose from Bamboo/10% Elastane. S(34), M(36), L(38), XL(40).

- Endurance (Black or White) #2927 \$27.00
- Intensity (Grey) #2928 \$37.00



Intensity

## AEROSTICH RIDE, EAT, SLEEP, REPEAT

This mantra of high-mileage riders has been spoken inside rain-lashed helmets at 1 am in the middle of nowhere. Other places, too. Sums up the "daily cycle" when covering long distances at speed. Inspired by the instructions on a shampoo bottle. Really. 100% cotton. Tan. M-XX.

#636 \$20.00  
Water Bottle #1983 \$6.00

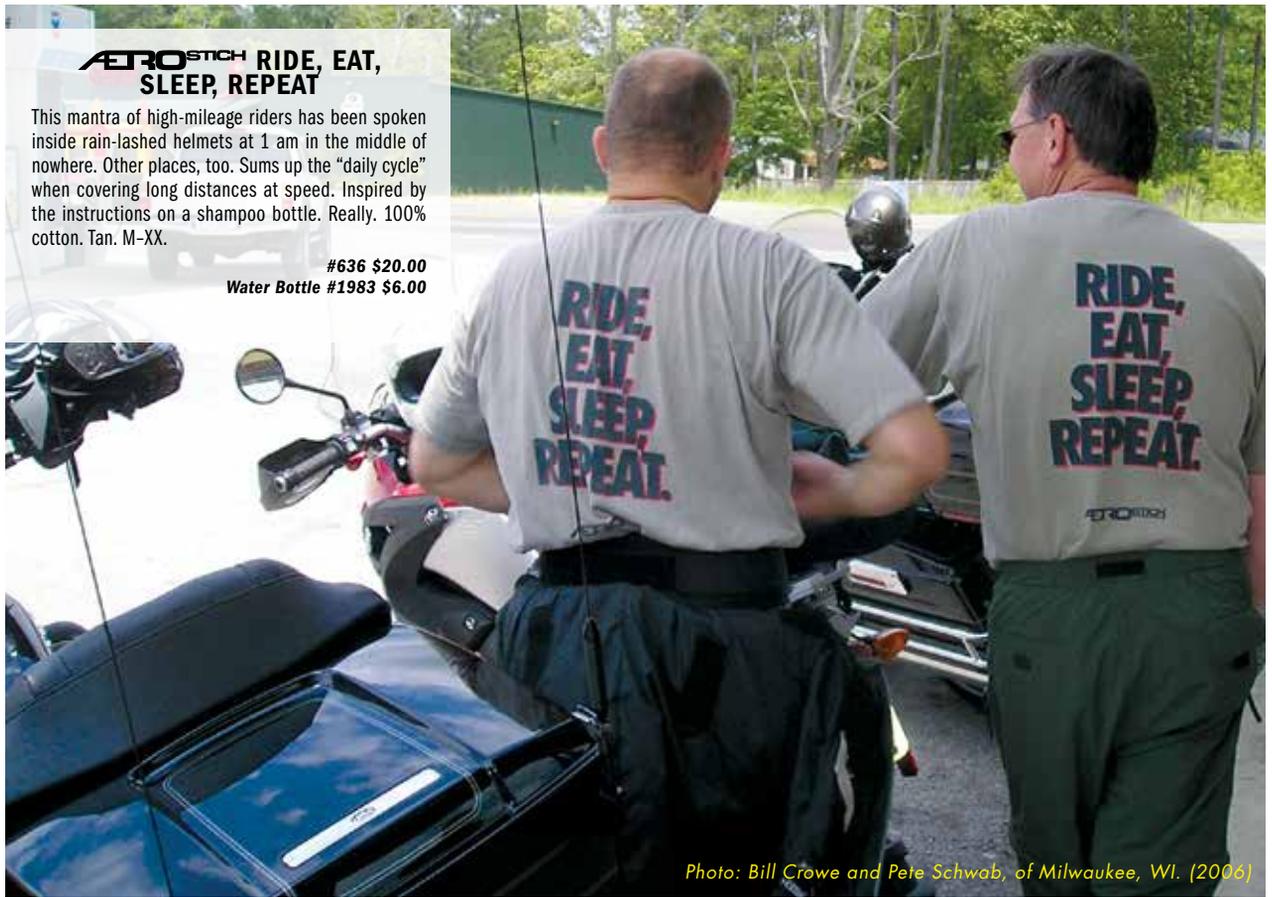


Photo: Bill Crowe and Pete Schwab, of Milwaukee, WI. (2006)



### WHEREVER THERE IS SIN...

Featuring a nun astride a cafe'd Montesa Impala wearing engineer boots, and, um, smoking...There may be some imagery juxtaposition going on here that we're not aware of, but it is a very neat shirt regardless. She sure is cute. Cool bike, too. I think that's all I'm gonna write about this one... Ow! That ruler hurts! 100% cotton. White. M-XX.

#1801 \$20.00



### TRUST ME

It takes a sense of humor and an awareness of motorcycling history to appreciate this design. Our "Trust Me" shirt is an exact replica of a shirt from the mid/late '60s worn around southern California shops and racetracks. The 3 color design authentically reproduces the logo of Red Line Triumph's shop in Santa Barbara. 100% cotton. White. M-XX

#603 \$20.00



### AEROSTICH ROAD TO ENLIGHTENMENT

...is more fun on a bike. It's a lot more fun, and so is wearing this t-shirt, since it makes both riders and non-riders pause and smile. If anyone asks why, you either smile enigmatically like a happy Buddha, or take them for a ride. This approach is a whole lot better than the stupid, arrogant, condescending shirts that read "if I have to explain it, you wouldn't understand." What self-absorbed baloney... This is the real thing. 100% cotton. Tan. M-XX.

#2842 \$20.00



### AEROSTICH RIDE MORE

It doesn't get any simpler than this. The more you ride, the less you drive. The less you drive the more you have—more fun, more time, more money, more gas, more piece of mind...Classic. Retro. Style. Back logo is small and up by the neck. 100% cotton. Burnt orange. M-XX.

#2855 \$20.00



**AEROSTICH COMMUTE  
FEARLESSLY**

Everyday riders are well aware of the dangers and discomforts. On your daily journey from A to B, go forth...and commute fearlessly. 100% cotton. Tan. M-XX.

#2862 \$20.00



**ORIGINAL AEROSTICH  
T-SHIRT**

A timeless classic since 1985 with the Aerostich motto taken from Latin, appropriate for both riding and mail order businesses: Potius sero quam nunquam (translates as "Better Late Than Never"). Useful for sport touring riders, and sofa-surfing friends of sport touring riders who collect cool T-shirts. 100% cotton. Black. M-XX.

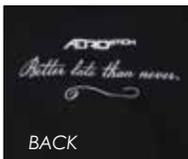
#608 \$20.00



**AEROSTICH POTIUS SERO  
QUAM NUNQUAM**

The Aerostich motto taken from Latin, appropriate for both riding and mail order businesses: Potius sero quam nunquam (translates as "Better Late Than Never"). 100% cotton. Black. M-XX.

#2839 \$20.00



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**KEEP CALM T-SHIRT**

Mass air attacks and bombs falling from the sky seem in some ways similar to roadways replete with cruise missile taxis and fully-laden minivans piloted by soccer moms in full hair-fixing-friend-texting-sit-down-and-leave-your-sister-alone-gotta-get-to-practice mode. Based on the British motivational poster created at the beginning of the Second World War, we think it applies just as poignantly to everyday experiences faced by today's two-wheel road warriors. Ride aware, keep a level head and don't forget to snap a one-finger salute when appropriate. 100% Cotton. Red. M-XX.

#2920 \$20.00



**AEROSTICH REFINED  
HYDROCARBON RECYCLER**

Help plants grow big and strong by topping off the tank with high octane and riding more. Who knows, the plants you feed today could become the fuel your descendants will burn in another 150 million years. Who would of thought recycling could be such fun. Poly/cotton blend. Grey. Logo Crest. M-XX.

T-Shirt #2853 \$20.00  
3.5" Sticker #3453 \$2.00



**RIDING IS FUNDAMENTAL**

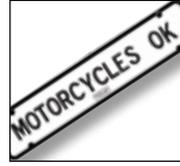
Founded in 1982, Riding Is Fundamental is a nonprofit volunteer riding community of 7 million registered motorcyclists, with affiliates in every state and U.S. territory, providing everyday examples of the benefits of riding as a social good. Through wearing the shirt, talking with others about the benefits of motorcycling, and riding every day, every road, everywhere, the goal of RIF is to foster the widespread acceptance of daily transportation riding. 100% cotton. White. M-XX.

#2922 \$20.00

**AEROSTICH "MOTORCYCLES OK"  
T-SHIRT, HAT, POLO SHIRT, MUG & STICKER**



That cool bike you've got sitting between your legs is officially recognized by the U.S. Federal Government as much more than an amusing toy. These are exact replicas of the signs above the HOV lanes across the freeways of California. They are a reminder that motorcycles are given extra privileges because riding them is social good. We all know that. Unfortunately most of your neighbors don't. They're positive motorcycles are self-indulgent toys—including yours. Let them know all fifty states have a totally different view, and have installed signs like these above our busiest and most congested roads to announce and declare: **MOTORCYCLES OK. Officially. No equivocation.** The government knows that choosing riding helps all of us, every time a rider gets on their motorcycle instead of getting into a car. (...thanks Brian)



- T-Shirt #3443 \$20.00**
- Coffee Mug #3444 \$7.00**
- Sticker #3445 \$2.00**
- Polo Shirt #3447 \$34.00**
- Aluminum Sign (6"x27") #3448 \$24.00**

**AEROSTICH SUIT UP  
T-SHIRT**



If you get it, you know. The well-worn (just broken-in?) red Roadcrafter is the epitome of every day riding and oozes street cred, while the crisp new Hi-Viz suit stands ready to meet whatever riding challenges shy riders can handle. Function, fit, quality and protection...every ride. Suit Up! 100% cotton. White. M-XX.

- Red #2875 \$20.00**
- Hi-Viz #2876 \$20.00**



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**AEROSTICH NO EXCUSES  
T-SHIRT**

Everyday. Every road. Everywhere. No Excuses. Have fun. How often do you? Ride. It's not how fast, or how far. Have fun. 100% Cotton. Grey. M-XX.

**#2871 \$20.00**



**AEROSTICH NO DRIVE  
T-SHIRT**

Strong is the power of the car side, with strength and commitment you must defy four-wheeled transport. Then, only then, a rider will you be. And ride you will. 100% Cotton. Black. M-XX.

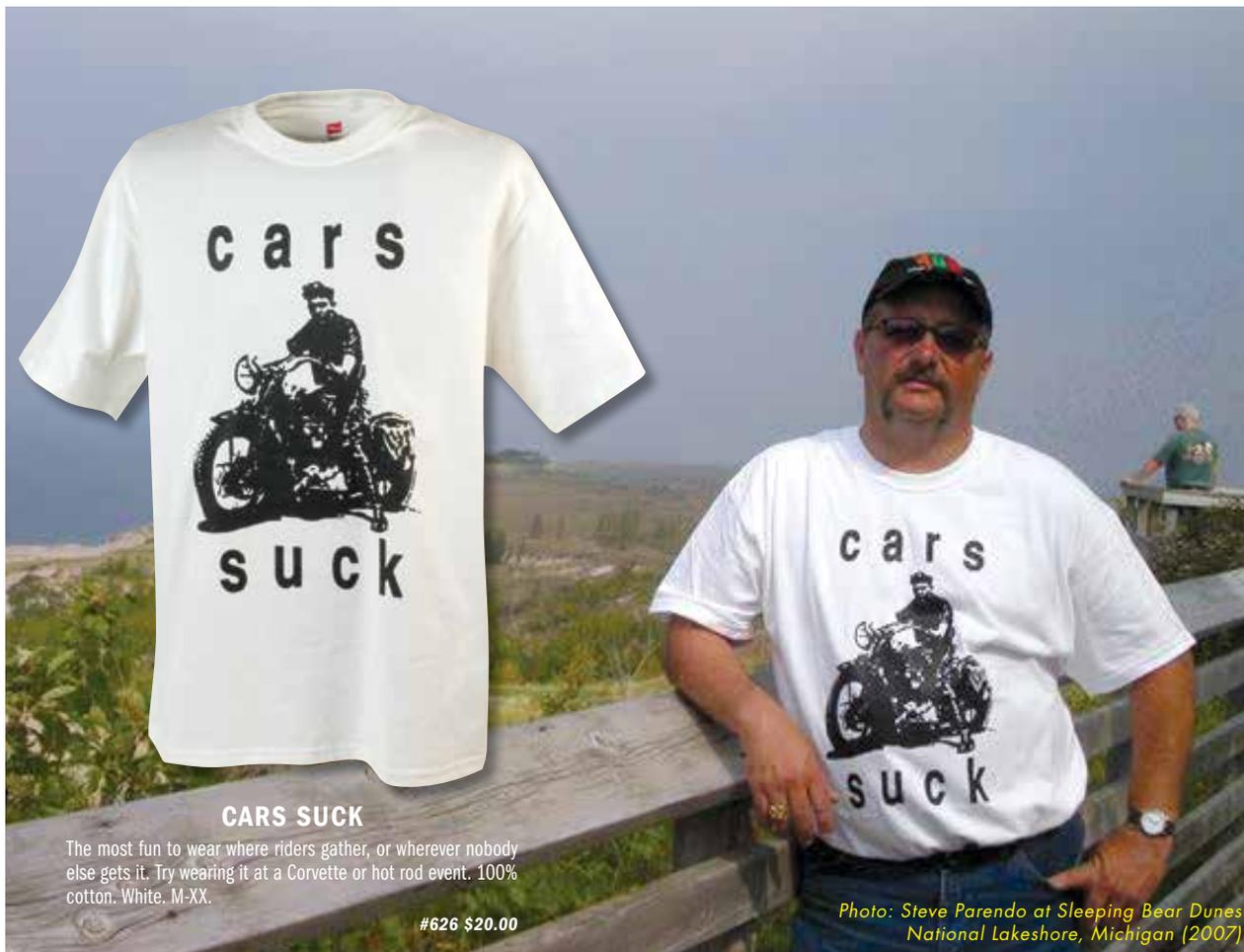
**#2872 \$20.00**



**PAVE THE PLANET**

A perfect parody of the 'Save the Planet' shirts. Our planet is shown diagonally bisected by a two lane road, and reads: 'One World, One People, One Slab of Asphalt.' This shirt will bring out the best and the worst in everyone. A perfect litmus test for the sense of humor of those you encounter. For stylin' back road bandits (the world over). 100% cotton. White. M-XX.

**#627 \$20.00**



**CARS SUCK**

The most fun to wear where riders gather, or wherever nobody else gets it. Try wearing it at a Corvette or hot rod event. 100% cotton. White. M-XX.

#626 \$20.00

Photo: Steve Parendo at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan (2007)



**AEROSTICH VON ZIPPER**

"Yep, it's me." Iconic image of the stumbling, overconfident outlaw biker and leader of the Ratz and Mice motorcycle gang from the 1960s Beach Party movie series. Wordlessly proclaims "Stand aside everyone! I take large steps!" We think Eric would like this one, and when Eric Von Zipper likes someone, dey stay liked. 100% Cotton. Red. M-XX.

#2864 \$20.00



**AEROSTICH  
WHEN IN DOUBT, RIDE**

It's too cold. It's too hot. It's too wet. I'm too busy. I have to put all my gear on. Should I or shouldn't I? As Frank Zappa once said: Shut Up 'N Play Yer Guitar. Just get out there. You'll be glad you did, every time. A shirt for all times, a shirt for our times. 100% cotton. Blue. M-XX.

#2841 \$20.00



**NUKE AND PAVE**

Designed by the "Under-ground Terrorist Motorcycle Cult," this shirt makes uh... a statement that is succinct and may engender amusing conversations about geopolitical subjects. Alarming and funny. Black, with the tastefully small UTMC logo on the back up by the neck. 100% cotton. Black. M-XX.

#1800 \$20.00



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[Hipster doofus icon](#) / Aerostich Von Zipper T-shirt review by Silver [Read more at aerostich.com](#)

What an awesome shirt! The original Fun biker. Everyone I have met while wearing this wants one! Makes me the coolest cafe racer in wicker park.

## TOTALLY SERIOUS BELTS

Say you park on the sixth floor of a large parking ramp when it suddenly comes under heavy attack by a group of militant anti-motorcyclists and the only way out is a 200 yard slide down a lightly insulated power line straight onto the roof of a neighboring building. Would you trust your current belt for that slide? I don't think so! These belts are for those who need to be able to count on their gear in the worst possible scenario. We love them for jeans because they fit very comfortably, look cool in all situations, and are lightweight. In a pinch they can be used as an additional tie-down strap and the fall-rated buckle is easy to use and infinitely adjustable. These types of extreme belts are hard to find in these widths which fit standard belt loops. Simple, classy, and strong, like Bond...James Bond. Lengths measure: Sm. 40", Med. 44", Large 47.5".

### 1. VIPER

Lightweight, strong and comfortable for everyday wear. 1" wide. M or L. Black.

#1847 \$18.00

### 2. LIGHT DUTY

Lightweight, strong and comfortable for everyday wear. 1.5" wide. M or L. Black.

#1846 \$16.00

### 3. LAST CHANCE HD

Two layers of HD nylon webbing sewn together for strength. 1.5" wide. S, M or L. Black.

#1838 \$24.00  
XL (46"-50") #2868 \$26.00

### 4. TAP CAP BELT

After a long, day of riding, find sublime relaxation by grabbing a tall, cold bottle of brew and...hey, does anyone have a friggin' opener?! This buckle and black high density nylon webbing combine to form a belt built for function and fashion. Unique design is classy enough to wear for all occasions, and is sure to make you a hero (or at least save a few broken teeth or scratched brake levers...) around the next campfire. Infinitely adjustable buckle allows belt to be used as an emergency tie-down strap. Opener works with "standard" crown caps and twist-off caps. This is one cool and useful belt. 1.5" wide. Waist sizes M (32-38), L (38-42). Black.

#2821 \$16.00

### 5. CARBONATOR BELT

The ultra light-weight, 100% carbon fiber buckle is stronger than steel and looks cool. A nylon web belt compliments the unique styling of the black carbon fiber buckle. Infinitely adjustable design allows it to be used for more than just holding up your pants—go ahead, use it as a high-class tie down strap! Metal free so it's good to wear if having to deal with any aggravating airport or border security checkpoints. High tech meets high style in this high function belt. 1.25" wide. Waist sizes: M (32-38) L (38-42), Black with grey bands.

#2851 \$32.00



### AEROSTICH MONEY BELT

The zippered compartment on the back is long enough for three stacks of bills placed end-to-end. This is a discreet way to carry hoards of fifties or hundreds on long trips... or just a safe place to forget a single "emergency" dollar. A flat row of quarters will fit, too. One size fits all. Belt can be shortened by cutting and fusing. Black nylon webbing 1.25" wide, 46" long. Durable cam-action black nylon buckle (money not included). 

#1854 \$16.00

*"Before going to a rich but imperfectly civilized country, travelers sometimes buy jewels and bury them in their flesh. They make a gash, put the jewels in, and allow the flesh to grow over them as it would over a bullet. The operation is more sure to succeed if the jewels are put into a silver tube with rounded ends, for silver does not irritate. If the jewels are buried without the tube, they must have no sharp edges. The best place for burying them is in the left arm at the spot chosen for vaccination. A traveler who was thus provided would always have a small capital to fall back upon, though robbed of everything he wore."*

—'The Art of Rough Travel', 1872, by - English explorer Sir Francis Galton, republished edited by Kitty Harmon, 2006



### AEROSTICH DELUXE BELT

The Deluxe Belt uses 1" beadless tubular webbing, but a 3/4" Fastex™ buckle to reduce bulk, making it easier to slide through belt loops. Looks dressier. In black, red, or blue. Even waist sizes 28" through 46". 

#601 \$10.00



### AEROSTICH STANDARD BELT

The Standard Belt uses 1" beadless tubular nylon webbing and a Fastex™ buckle to create a light, strong belt that can also be used for a variety of strapping jobs. Adjustable, one size fits all. In black, red, or blue. 40" long. 

#600 \$9.00



### ENGINEER'S COTTON RIDING SHIRT

You just can't find this sort of heavy-duty 9 oz. long sleeved 100% cotton shirt anymore, not even at those incredible hardware stores you see in rural small towns. We've sold this style shirt for years, but when the original supplier recently started making them somewhere else (and the quality got crappy), we found another manufacturer still making them right here in the U.S.A., with better durability and higher quality than the originals. It's perfect for riding because it combines superior comfort with cast iron durability. Like denim, it becomes better with age. You won't see this shirt on someone else unless they're running an ElectroMotive diesel. White & blue. M-XXL.

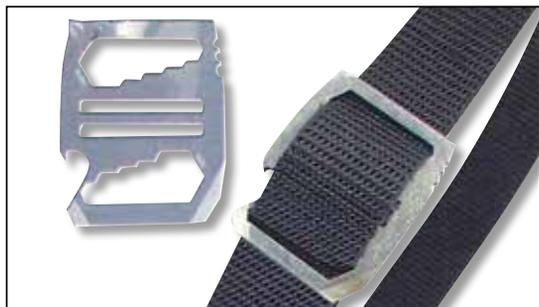
**With Aerostich Patch #1845 \$36.00**  
**Without Aerostich Patch #645 \$34.00**



### PRY CAP BELT

With enough motivation and ingenuity, almost anything can be used to get a bottle open, but this high tech aircraft aluminum buckle with integrated quick draw opener is infinitely better than chipped teeth, cut fingers or broken glass. The black 1.5" webbing does a decent job of keeping your pants up too. Choose Medium (38") or Large (42") based on your circumference.

**#2108 \$17.00**



### KOOL TOOL BELT

MacGuyver may not have needed all that bailing wire, chewing gum and duct tape if he wore this 1.5" corrugated nylon web belt. The stonewashed steel buckle offers a distinctive look and doubles as a highly functional field repair multi-tool. Includes: 2 flat head screwdrivers, Phillips head screwdriver, standard and metric nut wrenches, bottle opener, 3 sized wired strippers, metric and standard mini rulers. A technical, cool way to look sharp and be prepared. Black. Medium (38") or Large (42").

**#2109 \$17.00**



TRADITIONAL TRI-FOLD

EXECUTIVE

### WORLD'S THINNEST WALLETS

You won't find flatter, more inconspicuous and lightweight wallets anywhere. These will carry all you need for any journey, whether it's a quick errand to the store, or riding beside wildebeest in Africa. They're better for your back, and help prevent wallet sciatica. Each style comes in both leather and ripstop nylon (which is flatter than flat!). Carry nice in front or back pocket. Patented too, believe it or not. The Executive is most recommended.



### EXECUTIVE

Closer to a traditional wallet and holds about 16 cards, plus bills.

**Nylon (5"×3.75")**  
**#1988 \$22.00**  
**Leather (5"×3.9")**  
**#1981 \$34.00**



### EUROPEAN

Comfortably holds about 3-4 cards per side, plus bills.

**Nylon (3.75"×3")**  
**#1977 \$16.00**  
**Leather (3.9"×3.1")**  
**#1964 \$30.00**



### CARD CASE

Easily holds up to eight cards and a couple of folded up bills per side.

**Nylon (4"×2.625")**  
**#1972 \$8.00**  
**Leather (4"×2.75")**  
**#1969 \$14.00**



### TRAVELER

Holds a passport, about 6-10 cards, plus bills.

**Nylon (5.25"×4")**  
**#1959 \$22.00**  
**Leather (5.25"×3.75")**  
**#1929 \$36.00**



### WOMEN'S SPORT WALLET

Thin enough for a clutch or fits discreetly in jacket or back pants pocket. Holds up to 10 cards, plus bills. Soft, supple long lasting Napa leather outer with moisture wicking SoftTech nylon interior. Made in USA. Weighs only .7 oz. Leather (3.25"×.75") Black or Cherry.

**#9300 \$24.00**



### HEAD SCARVES

Burnoose on the loose! These clever and technical do-rags consist of a stretchy tube of fabric that will enable you to do any number of things, including staying warm, keeping the sun off, tying your hair back, preserving your helmet's lining or looking like a terrorist ninja biker wannabe, so follow your bliss with this versatile and simple piece of headgear.

### HADWEAR LIGHT

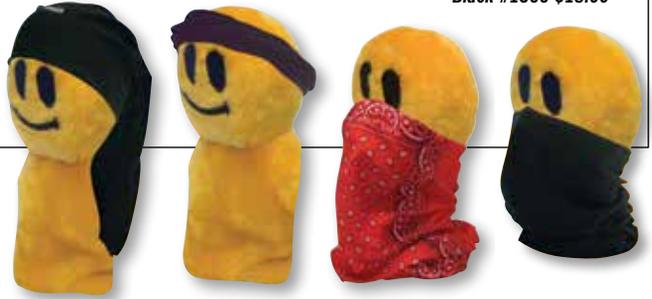
These multi-functional scarves are made with a fabric that is better suited for spring/summer/fall riding.

Red #1554 \$15.00  
Black #1555 \$15.00

### MEDIUM FLEECE

Practically the same as the HAD Wear scarves, except these are made with a slightly denser knit Turtlefur® fabric that is better for colder weather riding.

Black #1566 \$18.00



### ORIGINAL 100% COTTON BANDANA

These high quality, made in the USA, old fashioned 100% cotton, oversized bandanas are the real deal and can trace their lineage to old west cowboys, farmers and railroad engineers who relied upon them to wipe the sweat from their brow and keep the dust out of their face and collars. Keeping one (or more) handy in a pocket or tank bag will soon provide endless use opportunities. Wear one under your helmet to help absorb sweat and keep it cleaner, tie around the face or neck for sun/dust/wind protection, wear wetted for evaporative cooling effect, blow your nose into one, clean your hands off after a roadside repair or use as a placemat or napkin at a roadside picnic. But not all at the same time. Assorted colors with traditional paisley print design. 21.5"x21.5".



#1547 \$5.00

### AEROSTICH WIND TRIANGLE (OR EUCLID'S FACE FAIRING)

This is a simple, functional piece of rider's clothing. The Face Fairing has a hook & loop closure tab that adjustably fits most neck sizes. It can be worn in two positions: like a cowboy outrider, draped low around the neck to warm and protect the chest; or drawn over the nose and mouth when protection from the elements is needed. We now make them with a softer and more comfortable windproof/water resistant WINDSTOPPER® fabric. Hypotenuse 24", Base 16". (XL version hypotenuse is 26").

Fleece (navy, red, blue, wine, turquoise, or black) #511 \$22.00  
XL Fleece (red or black) #512 \$24.00  
Ultrasuede (navy, red, blue, wine, turquoise, or black) #515 \$28.00  
XL Ultrasuede (red or black) #516 \$30.00



### MERINO WOOL BALACLAVA

Soft, comfortable next-to-the-skin 100% Merino Wool fabric keeps you warm and dry while maintaining a good peripheral vision. Single layer interlock knit construction with flatlock and contoured three-panel design for a clean finish. Wears great under your helmet. Black.

#1599 \$37.00



### DRYLINE SHELLACLAVA

Using two innovative fabrics to good advantage, the Shellaclava is an excellent cold-weather riding accessory. The neckwarmer section is constructed of warm, soft Turtlefur® while the hood uses Dryline® fabric to move moisture away from your head. Thin enough to fit under a helmet, easily stowable and very comfortable, you'll find the Shellaclava to be an essential part of your cold-weather kit. One size fits all. Black.

#1050 \$20.00

### SILK BALACLAVA

The most versatile and comfortable of all high performance natural fibers. This soft, thin balaclava is beautifully made and it feels incredible against your skin. Wicks moisture to keep your skin dryer and warmer than you'd expect from something so lightweight. Silk fibers are stronger than steel and will give you years of wear. Machine wash/tumble dry or hand wash and hang dry. One size fits all. Black.

#1548 \$22.00



### POWER DRY BALACLAVA

Warmth without bulk is the mission of these close-fitting head sox. These technical polyester microfiber balaclavas fit under a helmet with a minimum of difficulty. Warm out of proportion to their thickness, these are great to have along when chilly drafts threaten. One size fits most. Black.

#1040 \$14.00



### JIMI CAP

A high tech helmet liner that was designed for professional athletes to keep hair and sweat out of eyes. Made thin to fit comfortably under helmets, the Jimi Cap is made from advanced microfiber fabrics and will keep your helmet cleaner and drier. Machine washable. Stretchy and comfortable. Black. M, L, XL, XXL.

#1545 \$18.00



### HELMET LINER

Oh God, a 'do rag. If you need one of these, I guess you know who you are. Useful for looking like some sort of medieval village idiot as well as keeping your hair tidy and your helmet non-nasty. Comfortable, washable, microfiber. Black. This one is really nice. It's actually from HJC helmets.

Medium #1542 \$12.00  
Large #1544 \$12.00



## AEROSTICH SILK SCARVES

A classic silk scarf should be soft, thin and slippery – so you can wrap one around your neck, close up your jacket and rotate your head and neck all day in draft-free comfort, without chafing. These luxurious 100% natural silk scarves are handmade of a soft, dense weave that's perfect for riding. No synthetic fiber is warmer, softer, stronger, or more durable.



COMPETITION STANDARD

Silk provides maximum comfort across every temperature range: warm and draft-blocking when cool, and refreshing when worn wetted during hotter conditions. When you're traveling this durable silk washes perfectly in any sink, too – even with a simple bar of hand soap.

The Standard Scarf model is medium weight silk of sensuous softness, and measures 14"×72". The Competition Scarf model is similar to the standard model but two layers thick, and it is a bit narrower and shorter. It measures 10"×60". Both are premium quality, long lasting pure silk that will keep the wind, rain, dust and snow from blowing down your neck, and will pack away ultra-small inside any pocket.

No other neckwear works this well, or looks this cool.

Standard Scarf #1549 \$27.00

Competition Scarf (White) #1567 \$34.00

Competition Scarf (Black) #1568 \$34.00

## Mil-Spec Scarf History

Silk was so important that its trade probably changed world history more than any other technology. The famous 'Silk Road' connected Europe to the Far East during the middle ages, and this brought together global knowledge that advanced civilization and helped begin the renaissance.

Strategic military considerations, more than demand for fashionable garments, caused the establishment of this trade route. During the middle ages front-line soldiers lived, traveled and fought wearing coarse tunics and outer uniforms. Silk scarves allowed soldiers to close their protective battle (and outdoor survival) garments tightly around their necks without chafing or discomfort, so they could fight better and travel farther. This was a true battlefield advantage.

As recently as World War I this remained so. Early planes and cars were all 'open cockpit'. Soldiers still lived and campaigned outdoors for weeks at a time, and this meant wearing heavy warm gear. After the war civilian pilots, race car drivers, motorcyclists and movie idols (Errol

Flynn...) further enshrined silk scarves as garb synonymous with bravery, courage and endurance.

Then airplanes and cars became enclosed and military dress adapted. Soft, slippery scarves became unnecessary. Silk's swashbuckler history and function was not only forgotten, it became a laughable cliché. Something only worn by old men.

The last vestiges of the silk scarfs centuries-long military role evolved into the fashion of men wearing neckties with their sport coats, blazers and business suits. Silk scarves had become decorative neckwear. (Now you know where neckties come from.)

That's sort of sad ending for such an important habiliment—except once again riders have rediscovered how great these scarves work when worn with modern riding gear closed tightly around one's neck. Once you've tried wearing one, you'll never look back. Make some history.

—Mr Subjective, 12-29-13



## RESPRO FOGGY BREATHGUARD

A comfortably thin, stretchy neoprene face guard that helps eliminate visor and face shield fogging on cold days. Fits (via hook & loop) into all full face helmets. Comfortable in use. Eliminates the need to tip the shield open at every stop.

#1558 \$28.00



## RESPRO BANDIT SCARF

Combines a comfortably stretchy 100% cotton scarf with a washable activated charcoal filter to protect your face from diesel smoke, dust and similar airborne pollutants and filth. Filters last six months in regular use. Popular for years in larger European and Asian cities and now available here.

#1556 \$32.00



## RESPRO TECHNO MASK

A cool wearing, fully ventilated riders mask for filtering the sub-micron particulates (pollen, dirt, tire and brake dust, etc.) that assault urban riders everywhere on bad days. Its replaceable Hepa-type filter is made of electrostatically charged fibers and a Dynamic Activated Charcoal Cloth for maximum effectiveness. If you commute via a dense ten lane or ride downtown many days in a row, this will make it better.

Techno Mask-1 #1508 \$54.00

Filter 2 pack #1509 \$24.00



## COOL OFF TIES

Relief for sultry rides in hot weather. This 100% cotton neckwear is filled with water-absorbing polymer crystals which can hold 350–400 times their weight in water and they release it slowly (over a period of days). Hence, increased comfort in hot weather. A simple, effective tool for heat management. Non-toxic and reusable. 35.5"×1.75". Assorted patterns and colors.

#1551 \$6.00

## AEROSTICH ELKSKIN ROPER

Your favorite gloves. You just can't ride anywhere without them. When they finally wear out, it feels like you've lost a friend. Elkskin Roper gloves are a premium work and general use glove designed by a sixty year old ranch and work glove company in Washington state. Made of natural tan medium to heavy weight elkskin, they are thicker, stronger and more abrasion resistant than deerhide and they'll last much longer.

Built for cowboy and ag work, they're tough enough for barbed wire fencing, yet sensitive enough to accurately handle a lariat. The snap cuff will slightly gauntlet over most jackets or close to let wind in your sleeves on a hot day. The left thumb is equipped with a visor squeegee made of resilient squeegee material.

All California Highway Patrol Motorcycle Officers (and many other depts.) wear Elkskin gloves 8-10 hours a day, week in and week out. You too will experience how right they are the minute you put them on and grab the clutch lever. These are the best gloves for serious combat touring adventures you'll ever wear. Full and half sizes 7-13 (size 11.5 not available) Black may bleed slightly when wet. 

Natural #420 \$49.00  
Black #440 \$49.00



VISOR SQUEEGEE



## AEROSTICH COMPETITION ELKSKIN ROPER

Your favorite gloves. You're sad when they finally wear out...you can't ride anywhere without them. These Competition Elkskin Ropers take the Standard Elkskin Ropers to the next level with an added hook and loop wrist closure -- reversed for ergonomic advantage -- and also add a generous Elkskin covered TF3 impact-foam knuckle pad.

This is a premium rider's glove, made by a ranch and work glove company in Washington State. They're strong and durable enough to take on everyday rough cowboy and ag work -- from handling barb wire fences to accurately directing a lariat, and ultra-comfortable all-day because of their superb medium weight luxuriously tanned natural tan Elkskin. This comfortable abrasion resistant leather absorbs and dissipates sweat, wears cool, and quickly conforms itself to the shape of your hand.

The visco-elastic TF3 impact material padded knuckles make a protective difference in some crash scenarios, and of course, the left thumb is equipped with a resilient visor squeegee to help keep a clear view of the road in damp and rainy conditions.

All California Highway Patrol Motorcycle Officers (and many other depts.) wear Elkskin gloves 8-10 hours a day, week in and week out. You too will experience how right they are the minute you put them on and grab the clutch lever. These are the ultimate gloves for serious combat touring adventures or for every day A to B riding. Full and half sizes 8-12 (not available in size 11.5). Natural. 

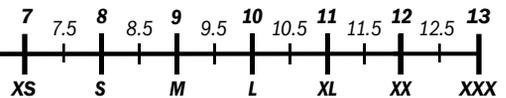
#421 \$67.00

Touchscreen Competition Elkskin Roper #453 \$83.00



VISOR SQUEEGEE

To find glove size place hand on diagram as shown. Need help? Call us: 800-222-1994.



NOTE: For Insulated Deerskin gloves (#423/#425) add ½ size. For the Merino Wool Insulated Elkskin gloves (#469/#479) add 1.5 sizes.

## Which Elk Glove?

"...As I mentioned earlier, I do a lot of sport riding and sport touring on a Honda VFR and will do occasional adventure touring on the GS, so I was leaning toward the gauntlet. Would there be any issues with that fitting over the sleeve of a Roadcrafter and allowing smooth rotation of the wrist?"

"Insulation is not really an issue, given that I live in San Francisco and the climate here is fairly consistent - rarely below high 40s or above the mid 80s." —Chuck S. (email)

"I wear both versions of the Elk glove. 90% of the time I grab either the regular or competition Elkskin Ropers. The gauntleted version is also available, but I seldom take it. Probably mostly because I don't ride a sport bike like your VFR .

"The gauntlet on the unininsulated version of the gauntleted ropers is not lined, so the suede-ish backside of the leather does drag slightly against the sleeve of a textile jacket, but it's not enough (to me) to be an issue. Also, as the gloves break the suede-ishness wears a way slightly so the drag seems even less after a few hundred miles.

"The gauntleted models are slightly more to deal with in subtle, nuanced ways. They are just 'more glove'. The fastest and most unconscious pull-on-and-go is the regular roper. You snap the wrist snap without thinking and go. Perfect for everyday short-hop, on-and-off-the-bike riding. Next fastest/easiest is the competition model. The wrist strap is much more secure than the snap, but it takes a nano-more of consciousness to manipulate it. For all-day riding, though, I usually pick this one. The gauntlet models add another nano-

"All of the elkskin glove models are cut and sewn on the exact same patterns so they fit similarly from model to model, but there are slight variations from glove to glove because each glove is hand made and each section of elkhide is a little different. A great way to quickly custom-fit a new pair is to fully wet-saturate on a warm day when you know you'll be riding continuously for several hours, then let them dry and conform to the shape of your hands during that ride."



### **AEROSTICH TOUCH-SCREEN ELKSKIN ROPERS**

Use every electrostatic screen controlled device (iPhones, iPads, GPSs and Androids, etc) with your riding gloves on. Rows of electro-conductive stitching exactly where needed let you scroll, dial, pinch-zoom, browse and navigate normally.

The Ropers themselves are carefully made of natural tan medium to heavy weight Elkskin. They are a bit thicker, stronger and more abrasion resistant than deer hide, so they'll last much longer. The left thumb is equipped with a visor squeegee made of a resilient squeegee material.

The California Highway Patrol Motorcycle Officers (and many other depts.) wear Elkskin gloves 8-10 hours a day, week in and week out. You too will experience how right they are the minute you put them on, and grab the clutch lever. Modern techno-function meets old school comfort and performance. Full and half sizes 8-12 (not available in 11.5). Natural. 



**Touch Screen Ropers #429 \$63.00**

**Touch Screen Elkskin Gauntlet (not shown) #439 \$97.00**



### **AEROSTICH ELKSKIN GAUNTLET**

Elkskin palm for durability and protection, and deerskin in other areas for lightweight, protective durable comfort. A visco-elastic impact pad adds further protection. Adjustable, gusseted gauntlet seals sleeve cuffs. And the wrist is secured with both an elasticized area and a reversed hook-and-loop strap which pulls towards your body for easier adjusting. For added utility and safety, the left thumb is equipped with a resilient visor squeegee you'll use more than you think.

There's an oval shaped second layer of elk sewn across the heel of the palm, to provide additional abrasion resistance. Elkskin is a bit stronger and more abrasion resistant than deer hide, so these gloves will wear and last well.

The left thumb is equipped with a visor squeegee made of a resilient squeegee material. An adjustable, tapered, gusseted gauntlet seals sleeve cuffs. And the wrist is secured with both an elasticized area and a reversed hook-and-loop strap which pulls towards your body for easier adjusting.

The California Highway Patrol Motorcycle Officers (and many other depts.) wear Elkskin gloves 8-10 hours a day, week in and week out. You too will experience how right they are the minute you put them on, and grab the clutch lever. Full and half sizes 8.5-13 (not available in 11.5). Order insulated 1.5-2 sizes larger for correct fit. Natural, Brown/Natural and Black. Black dyed models may bleed slightly when wet. 

**Natural / Brown #464 \$83.00**

**Black #465 \$83.00**

**Natural #466 \$83.00**

**Merino Wool Insulated Black #479 \$133.00**

**Merino Wool Insulated Natural #469 \$133.00**



bit of rigamarole, but for a sport bike rider are probably a better option. These shades of ease-of-use distinction are very slight.

"When I travel I normally take two pair of gloves – usually a pair of competition ropers for wear most of the time, and the insulated gauntleted ropers [above] or Luxury Cowhide [page 74]. And the triple digit raincovers [page 80].

"Last November I rode around Lake Superior with some friends on Gold Wings. I was riding my unfaired bike which has heated grips, but is without hand guards (wind protectors). Temps every morning were about 30°F and the high each day was about 45°F. I had both of the above and switched multiple times for comparison and evaluation. In the end I liked the insulated elk ones slightly better, but it was very close.

"Since that trip (and as a result my experiences on it...) we slightly increased the insulation thickness of the wind barrier hidden within the backside of the hands and fingers on the insulated elk ropers. Before it was a layer of windproof fabric placed between the wool liner and the elkskin outer. Now it's a layer of thin windproof fleece (fleece laminated to a layer of wind blocking coated fabric).

"The elk gloves are sized by glove sizes, not s,m,l, xl, etc. Basically there are twice as many sizes. For example, both a size 9 and a 9.5 are 'm' graded. So you end up with a more precise fit. A good-fitting glove is as important as a good-fitting shoe. It's the only real difference between an ok glove and a great glove." —Mr. Subjective



### LUXURY DEERSKIN THREE SEASON

Maybe only the Japanese, with their respect for and interest in cafe-racer culture, could come up with gloves that are not only ideal for 3-season usage, but look superb and feel great when you pull them on and lay your hand to the grips. Beautifully constructed and detailed, these gloves feature fantastic quality hides and are perforated and vented along the knuckles and palm to help keep hands cool when the weather's hot. Sturdy padding and reinforced knuckles, palm and gauntlet make these gloves safe without sacrificing functionality or comfort. Oversize hook and loop cinch strap. Black. The most gorgeous, luxurious gloves in this catalog. 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10.

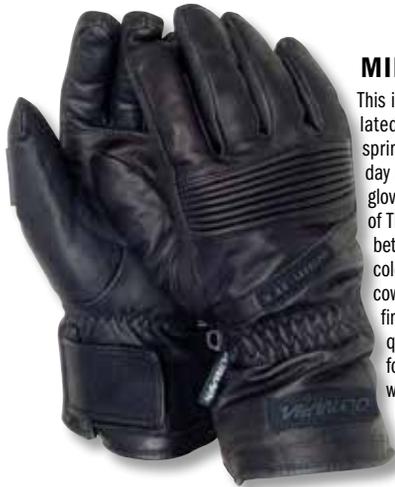
#463 \$227.00



### LUXURY COWHIDE WINTER

Top quality Japanese-built gloves for cold-weather riding use. And really, really comfortable. The cuff and palm are lined with soft, brushed nylon, and the back of the hand is lined with a warmer heavier synthetic. The fingers are articulated and pre-curved, and the knuckle area is padded with a diamond pattern of quilting. The exterior shell is constructed of 1.2 mm waterproofed cowhide leather with a waterproof/breathable film below. The wrist and cuff is cinched with hook & loop. Reinforced palm. Ultra Nice. 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10.

#447 \$197.00



### MID SEASON COWHIDE

This is a Wind-tex lined and lightly insulated cowhide glove perfect for your spring and fall (or mild winter) everyday riding. They're warmer than regular gloves because of the use of a thin layer of Thermolite insulation, yet you have a better control feel than other insulated cold weather gloves. Made of premium cowhide with padded knuckles, boxed fingers, and a short gauntlet. They will quickly become your favorite gloves for chilly weekday commutes. Goggle wiper is included on the left thumb. Black. S-XL.

#427 \$74.00



### GEL COWHIDE

These gloves feature silicone gel-padded palms to cushion your hands from handlebar pressure and vibration that can cause discomfort to the median nerve. Made of super premium leather with a Kevlar reinforced palm and a soft Bemberg lining on the backside, the Gel Sport features an extended gauntlet with a hook & loop closure and an adjustable leather strap. The Gel Lite has shorter gauntlet, and are ideal for warmer conditions. Black. S-XL.

Gel Sport #448 \$65.00  
Gel Lite (not shown)  
#454 \$45.00



### SILK GLOVE LINERS

100% organic and naturally lightweight, these silk glove liners caress, insulate, dry quickly and resist soil and odors. Plus, they feel sooooo good. Fairly thin. Black, S-XL.

#470 \$17.00



### ULTRALIGHT STRETCH MICROFIBER

These are tough, and fit under even close-fitted gloves. Comforting extra warmth on a chilly morning. Brushed stretch polyester liner conforms to the hand nicely. Out lightest, thinnest synthetic glove. Black, M/L, L/XL.

#471 \$14.00



### MEDIUM WEIGHT BRUSHED MICROFI- BER

Hand hugging four way stretch brushed polyester fabric offers superior wicking properties and a snug, comfortable fit. This liner keeps hands warmer for better control on chilly rides. Black, M/L, L/XL.

#473 \$15.00



### KNIT MICROFIBER GLOVE LINER

Knit microfiber and lycra liners are breathable and offer excellent moisture wicking capabilities. They fit great and offer extra protection for cool morning commutes. A great everyday layering glove too. Black, M/L, L/XL.

#474 \$12.00

## AEROSTICH DEERSKIN

Very comfortable and easy to wear—just like Elkskin, but made of slightly thinner medium weight deerskin so they're ideal for casual, everyday riding, particularly commuting and touring. No break-in needed; they will be as comfortable as prewashed denim the moment you put them on. Deerskin is great for hotter weather. Because they're so light, absorbent and soft, they give you better control feel. Nimble enough to pick a coin off a table, yet strong enough for riding protection. Outstanding quality. The insulated versions have 3M Thinsulate and brushed nylon lining, so they are perfect for spring and fall commuting and general cooler weather wear. (They're plenty warm all winter if you don't know what Canadian currency looks like.) Full and half sizes. For insulated gloves, order 1/2 size larger than non-insulated version to ensure proper fit. Both styles feature thumb visor squeegee (not shown).



### DEERSKIN

The classic all around American general work and riding glove. Reinforcing welt in the thumb and the middle fingers, elastic back. Full and half sizes, Regular (#422) size 7-11, Insulated (#423) size 8-13.

#422 (Size 7-11) \$47.00  
Insulated #423 (size 8-13) \$53.00



### DEERSKIN GAUNTLET

Gauntlets increase the coverage and work better in cool riding conditions. Tuck 'em in or pull 'em over. Full and half sizes, Regular (#424) size 7-11, Insulated (#425) size 8-13.

#424 (Size 7-11) \$57.00  
Insulated #425 (Size 8-12) \$63.00



### DEERSPORTS TRACK/PERFORMANCE

DeerSports® gloves from Lee Parks Design are suitable for road or track use, and are nicely made of U.S. deerskin. Trimmed and ironed internal seams ensure unmatched fit and comfort, and the seamless palm gives good feel and eliminates pressure points. An extended gauntlet with dual hook & loop closures secures nicely over jacket sleeves. Additional layering of deerskin at strategic areas on the gloves provide increased abrasion protection. A fine glove, versatile and well worth the price. S-XL.

#445 \$125.00



### COLD WEATHER WATERPROOF

A nylon outer shell, full cowhide palms and fingers, and a Gore-Tex® insert that is nicely lined with Primaloft premium insulation, so they're waterproof, windproof, breathable and cozy right down to your fingertips. These gloves also feature an easy to use cuff gathering system and an adjustable wrist strap for a secure, comfortable fit. Pleated fingers and knuckles provide added flexibility. Suede wiper patches and a wiper blade built into the left index finger help maintain a clear view. S-XL.

#1489 \$75.00

### TOUCH SCREEN GLOVE TREATMENT

Specially formulated to work with any leather gloves, simply apply to allow glove-on interaction with your smartphone, GPS or other electrostatic touchscreen device. Treating your favorite gloves is fast and easy, apply liquid, let dry and pinch, zoom, type or scroll on your portable device. One 15ml bottle will treat or re-treat several pairs of gloves.

#490 \$24.00



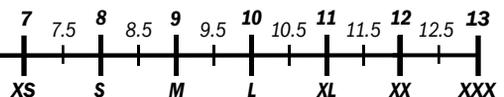
### TOUCH SCREEN THUMBDOGS

Instantly convert any pair of gloves to work with your mobile devices. Stretchy covers adapt to fit over the thumb and fingertips on any glove, while the special silver conductive material enables you to interact with the latest touch screen technology without taking your gloves off. Especially handy for on-the-go use of GPS or navigation apps. Keep them on your favorite pair of riding gloves, or switch them between several pair depending on the weather, these little slip-ons will keep you connected and in touch. One size fits all. Set of 2. Black/silver.

#1598 \$15.00



To find glove size place hand on diagram as shown. Need help? Call us: 800-222-1994.



NOTE: For Insulated Deerskin gloves (#423/#425) add 1/2 size. For the Merino Wool Insulated Elkskin gloves (#469/#479) add 1.5 sizes.

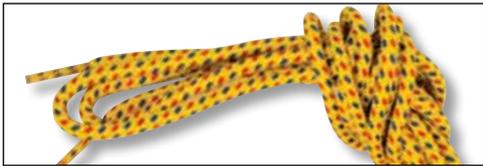


## AEROSTITCH COMBAT LITES

More ideal for general touring, everyday urban riding and all day street and general purpose wear. Obviously shorter and lighter, but incorporating the identical heavy duty materials, design features, and construction quality of the original Combat Touring boot. Top grain leather and fully leather lined. Compared to most general purpose and riding boots, the Lite has fewer individual leather pieces, less seams and is a stronger and longer lasting boot. The inner speed laces and instep buckle provide a better and more secure fit than any slip-on "engineer" type boot. The lower shaft fits riders with extra large calf muscles better, too. Black. 11" tall (2.42 lb. per boot) Medium Width. Wedge or cleated sole. 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10, 11, 11.5, 12.5, 13.5, 14, 15.

**Cleated Sole #404 \$347.00**  
**Wedge Sole #484 \$347.00**

# COMBAT



### CBT SPARE PARTS

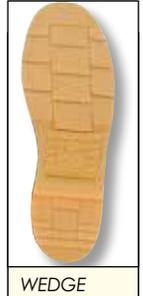
**Grey Cleated Sole (Specify Boot Size) #408 \$27.00**  
**Amber Wedge Sole (Specify Boot Size) #410 \$27.00**  
**Boot Straps (Specify Boot Type) #411 \$12.00**  
**Buckles (Specify Boot Type) #413 \$12.00**  
**Laces #412 \$8.00**



### COMPETITION CBT BOOT LACES

These Competition Laces are designed to be more durable and convenient to use than the standard laces. The tighter weave nylon material frays less, and the shorter overall length means less excess lace to tuck under the outer flap. Cordlock not included—we recommend re-using the cordlock from the existing laces. 

**#416 \$8.00**



## The Brief CBT History...

*These were the first general purpose riding boot of this style in the world. Their origination story is simple: We wanted a basic old-fashioned heavy-duty rider's boot that provided support like an MX boot, was fast and easy to get in and out of, and held onto one's foot well — but without all the added-on MX boot armor. More supportive than the classic 'engineer' style boot, and much heavier-duty than the typical zippered race, street or touring boot. A de-contented MX boot.*

*In hindsight it's hard to believe that twenty five years ago there wasn't anything else like this available. The CBT boot was the original. A new type of hybrid existing halfway between a street boot and an off road boot. It created an entirely new product category.*

*After about ten years we'd sold a good number of them and (as 'adventure' style bikes became more popular) other boot companies also started to make their versions of the CBT boot. Even Sidi came out with a version. All these subsequent versions from others were more complicated or 'improved' in some way: More buckles, pleated areas, waterproof liners, etc. The others wanted to be able to say they were better than the CBT boot.*

*Like how designer jeans manufacturers sometimes say their denim pants are better than basic Wrangler's, Lee, and Levi's 501's. Every market works like this. CBTs are the original...and because they're successful others know that are similar but supposedly 'improved' in some way are now available elsewhere. These are the originals.*

—Mr. Subjective 11-13

# TOURING



## AEROSTICH COMBAT TOURING BOOTS

The tougher your riding, the better this boot will feel. Combat Touring boots are as strong as the bulkiest specialized off-road footwear, yet are designed to fit easily under your pants for everyday wear. As soon as you put them on you will feel more support and protection than ordinary street boots can offer.

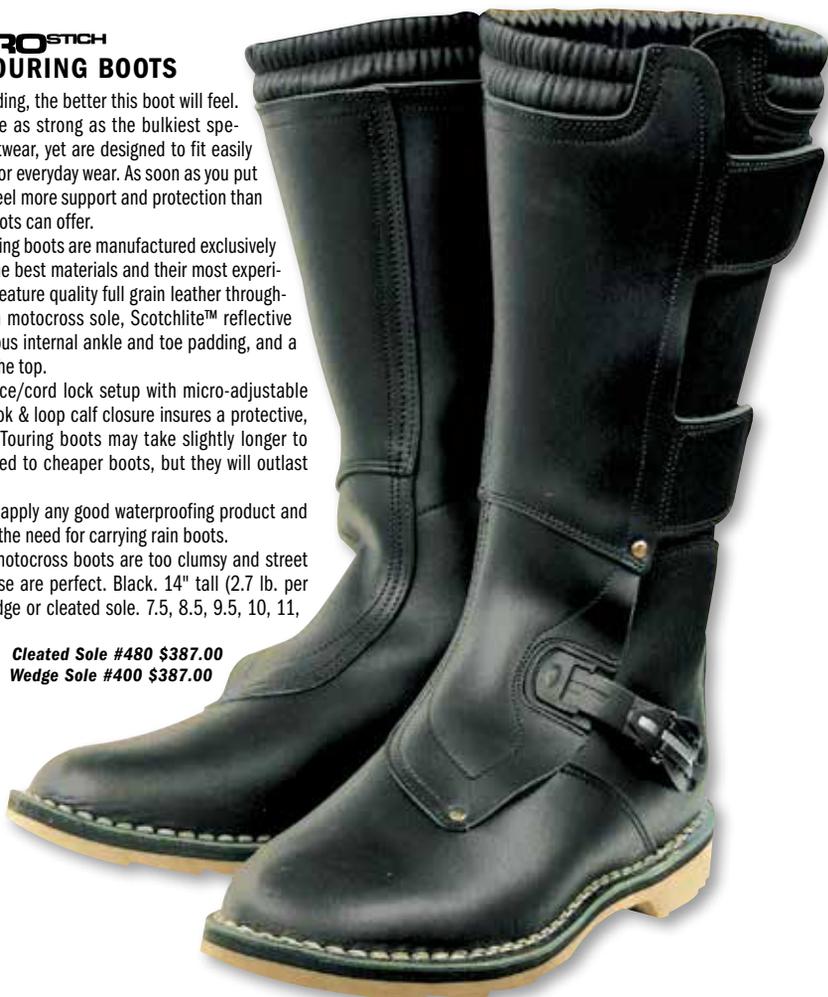
Combat Touring boots are manufactured exclusively for us by Sidi using the best materials and their most experienced bootmakers. They feature quality full grain leather throughout, a Davos competition motocross sole, Scotchlite™ reflective in the heel gusset, generous internal ankle and toe padding, and a special padded collar at the top.

The inner speed lace/cord lock setup with micro-adjustable arch buckle and outer hook & loop calf closure insures a protective, comfortable fit. Combat Touring boots may take slightly longer to form to your feet compared to cheaper boots, but they will outlast them by years.

From time to time, apply any good waterproofing product and they will mostly eliminate the need for carrying rain boots.

Whenever regular motocross boots are too clumsy and street boots are too wimpy, these are perfect. Black. 14" tall (2.7 lb. per boot) Medium Width. Wedge or cleated sole. 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10, 11, 11.5, 12.5, 13.5, 14, 15.

Cleated Sole #480 \$387.00  
Wedge Sole #400 \$387.00



## AEROSTICH GREG FRAZIER STASH POCKETS

Probably the most secure place on your person to keep money and valuable papers. Adhesive hook & loop attaches a secret fold-over wallet made of thin nylon to your boot's inner calf or front gusset. Large enough to hold a bunch of money (or whatever else you don't want found). For some reason neither thieves nor third world border inspectors check moto-travelers smelly, dirty boots. (?!) Hmmm...at least not Greg's. Set of two pockets: 3.25"x4.5" and 6.75"x2.75".

#405 \$25.00



## TUFF TOE

Two-part poly-urethane adhesive with abrasion resistant and waterproofing abilities forms a layer of armor on the toe of your boots. Perfect for shift pad protection. Easy to use. Black.

#1225 \$20.00



## COPPER FITTING INSOLES CARBON FITTING INSOLES

Copper insoles feature a pressure-sensitive memory foam layer that molds to the contours of your foot, offering a low profile, ideal to fill extra volume if you are between sizes. The Carbon version combines the strength and lightweight of carbon fiber with ultralight foam, supportive contoured foot bed with a low-volume to improve the fit and feel of tighter fitting footwear. Both have an all natural coating that eliminates odor-causing bacteria, and both utilize a biomechanical shape to support and reduce stress on feet, ankles and knees. Insoles are vegan and free of latex, nickel sulfate, formaldehyde and preservatives. Trim-able for custom fit. Sizes 5.5-7, 7.5-9, 9.5-11, 11.5-13, 13.5-15, 15.5-17.

Copper #1667 \$45.00  
Carbon #1668 \$50.00



## SELF-MOLDING FITTING INSOLES

The next best thing to a custom prescription orthopedic. Most insoles simply condense and compact under pressure. These are designed with a firm structural footbed that self-molds to your unique foot shape, cushioning and mirroring each foot for increased comfort, control and support. These are rock solid. Two thicknesses: medium profile (thicker) works best if you're between boot sizes, or low-profile (thinner) uses minimal boot space. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

Low Profile #1456 \$40.00  
Medium Profile #1455 \$40.00

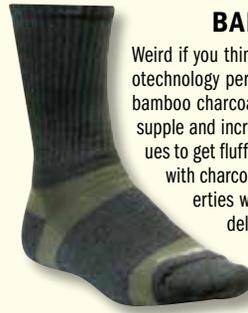


## STANDARD FITTING INSOLES

Perfect for custom-fitting, especially if your foot falls between sizes. Makes boots feel like they were custom made. These insoles feature a patented Etc® fabric top cover that is cool and long wearing. A firm polyethylene mid foam over a molded and shaped structural arch platform provide scientifically researched support that translates to less fatigue, reduced shock, and all-day comfort. Two thicknesses: high profile (thicker) for boots with more volume or low profile (thinner) for boots with less volume. Trim them for a custom fit. 5.5-7, 7.5-9, 9.5-11, 11.5-13, 13.5-15.

Low Profile #1452 \$36.00  
High Profile #1454 \$36.00

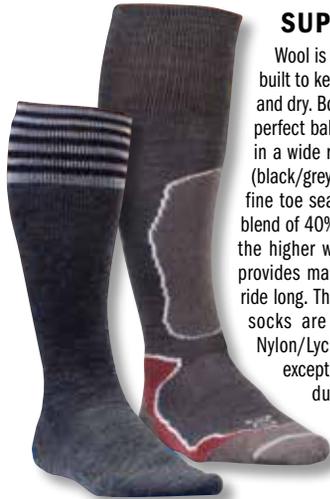
*Best Riding Socks - Review by JoseByron (5/18/12)  
"Got them on a lark, after realizing how uncomfortable it was to be riding with 'regular' gear, like white athletic socks under cowboy boots. Made a world of difference in comfort! Cool under the So-Cal sun, warm in the mornings or nights when chilly. I am a convert and will get me as many pairs as possible. The antibacterial is an added bonus, no problems with smell, at all."*



## BAMBOO CHARCOAL SOCKS

Weird if you think about it, but nirvana for your feet. Advanced nanotechnology permanently melds the ancient beneficial properties of bamboo charcoal into the natural fibers of this sock. The result is a supple and incredibly comfortable 200 thread count knit that continues to get fluffier and softer with each washing. Every fiber is infused with charcoal to provide true odor eating and anti-microbial properties within a unique three-dimensional weave pattern that delivers exceptional moisture wicking ability. And (...“but wait, there's more!”) as the socks are worn and heated by the body, good negative ions are also released, promoting increased foot health and improved circulation. Made from renewable organic materials, these luxurious socks are not only good for your feet and your health, but are good for the planet too. One wearing will make you a believer. S/M (6.5-9), M/L (9.5-13).

#430 \$19.00



## SUPERFINE WOOL SOCKS

Wool is king. These long, boot style socks are built to keep your feet and lower legs cozy warm and dry. Both have a wool inner layer, providing a perfect balance of warmth and moisture control in a wide range of conditions. The Italian Wool (black/grey stripes) socks are soft, with a superfine toe seam for added comfort. Made from a blend of 40% Merino wool and 60% Acrylic/Lycra, the higher wool content adds a little bulk, but provides maximum warmth and performance all ride long. The taller Merino Wool (grey patterned) socks are 25% Merino/50% Primaloft/25% Nylon/Lycra, for a tri-layer blend providing an exceptional combination of wicking, warmth, durability and comfort in a slightly thinner, finer weave. M (5.5-9.5), L (10-12.5), XL (13-15).

**Italian Wool**  
M, L, XL #1406 \$20.00  
**Merino Wool**  
M, L #1414 \$22.00



## TECHNICAL ANTIBACTERIAL SOCKS

These attractive socks are joined together stitch by a special sewing stitch resulting in no ridges, and administering the ultimate in comfort. No wrinkles equals no abrasions or blisters. A strong elastic at the top of a sock is not sufficient to keep a sock in place. These socks have additional Lycra support sections throughout the calf, so you won't find them cutting off circulation or falling down into your boot. High-friction areas contain two sections of polyamide, a technical fiber that provides life-long treatment against odor, fungus and bacteria, and extraordinary wicking capabilities result in enhanced comfort. The Boot socks, made of 75% Antimicrobial Treated Schoeller Polycolon and 25% Polyamide/Lycra, are longer to provide additional warmth to lower leg. The Crew socks, made of 75% Coolmax Fresh and 25% Polyamide/Lycra, wear slightly higher than a normal sock in order to accommodate riding boots. Built to last. M (5.5-9.5), L (10-12.5), XL (13-15).

**Boot (Black/Red) #1407 \$18.00**  
**Crew (Black/Grey) #1413 \$15.00**



## COPPER SOLE ATHLETIC SOCKS

Copper Sole technology eliminates 99.9% of bacteria, fungi and odor in these comfortable high-tech socks. Unique support at arch for added performance and comfort with elastic infused uppers to ensure they stay in place during a hard ride. Embedded Copper ions in sock fibers regenerate, creating permanent protective barrier. Copper also plays a vital role in collagen formation, so wearing these socks makes for better looking and better smelling feet. Moisture-Guard wicking system and 10% copper CUPRON™ yarn, make these the most comfortable socks ever to grace your feet. Tallish crew height. M (5.5-8), L (8.5-12), XL (13-15).

#1443 \$10.00



## SILVER LINING TREKKING SOCKS

Every pair of riding boots can now literally have a silver lining with these technologically advanced socks. The unique dual-action Silver Drystat® polypropylene yarn offers superior wicking and antibacterial properties with integrated silver ions in the fiber core. A medium weight soft padded footbed provides exceptional cushioning, while the patented graduated compression design of the boot-cut uppers are scientifically designed to enhance ankle support, stimulate circulation, provide relief from cramps, alleviate swelling and make feet more happy and comfortable in any riding conditions. Made from 75% Silver Drystat, 15% Spandex and 10% Lycra, these are built to last and engineered for comfort. Grey. S (5-7), M (7.5-10), L (10.5-13).

#431 \$32.00



## PRO SERIES WICKING SOCKS

Soft and well-made socks like these make riding and walking in motorcycle boots a pleasure and keep fatigue at bay. Made of an advanced mix of Olefin, Lumiza™, Nylon and Spandex, these year 'round weight socks feature an abrasion-resistant achilles cradle and a cushioned sole, as well as an ultra-smooth toe enclosure and filet stitched instep. Elasticized arch and ankle panels hug your feet for a snug, secure fit. The Medium Weight Boot style features a fully cushioned leg and shin panel to provide maximum warmth and comfort, and a turned welt top on all styles allows for a smooth, non-binding fit. All this adds up to comfort and a sock that won't sag or bunch. On trips, wash in the motel or campground sink and dry by morning. Medium Weight are grey heather, and the slightly Lighter Weight is solid white or black. M (5-8.5), L (9-12), XL (12.5-15).

**Light Weight White (M-L) #1410 \$14.00**  
**Medium Weight Black (M-L) #1411 \$13.00**  
**Medium Weight Grey (M-XL) #1412 \$13.00**



## AEROSTICH WOOL RIDING SOCKS

A great riding sock is different things to different riders. This carefully selected line of wool socks offers an ideal choice for fit, function, performance and all-day comfort from your footwear. In addition they are good for the environment too by using Nanoglide, a material created with recycled PTFE plastics. The Trekking Mid Wool sock is a comfortable mid-length 69% Wool, 7% Nanoglide sock. The Trekking Plus is the same fit and length as the Trekking Mid, but features a higher 80% Wool content with a 7% Nanoglide composition. The Trekking Plus Compression sock is a taller over the calf, snuggler fit made with 50% Wool, 44% Polyamide, 5% Nanoglide and 1% Lycra. The Cross Country Mid sock is a mid-length sock featuring 50% Wool, 43% Polyamide, 6% Nanoglide and 1% Lycra. M(7-8.5), L(9-11), XL(11.5-13.5).

**Trekking Mid Wool #455 \$23.00**  
**Trekking Plus Wool #457 \$27.00**  
**Trekking Plus Compression #477 \$27.00**  
**Cross Country Mid #478 \$23.00**



## MERINO WOOL LUXURY SOCKS

These performance socks are made from the highest-grade wool available, resulting in unmatched comfort and moisture management capability. Because the wool fibers have a natural crimp to them, they are cushiony and return to their original shape instantly. Made with just enough stretch nylon to ensure a snug fit. Non-itchy as well as being machine wash and dryable, these socks are at home inside motorcycle boots like no others we've tried. Light Weight is grey or black, while the Medium is grey. All are 74% luxurious, soft, durable merino wool. Crew height. M (6-8.5), L (9-11.5), XL (12-14.5). 

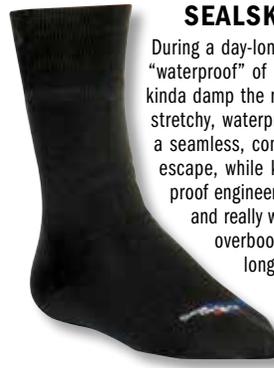
**Light Weight Black (M-L) #1416 \$16.00**  
**Light Weight Grey (M-XL) #415 \$18.00**  
**Med. Weight Grey (M-XL) #1415 \$20.00**



## WICK DRY ULTRALIGHT LINER SOCKS

These moisture wicking liner socks add comfort and extra warmth that feels great all day long. They are super thin and wear flat, so they are perfect for layering in combination with heavier weight socks on chilly days without cramping or bunching inside your boots. When used with another pair of socks in warmer or wet weather, they will keep your feet drier by adding an extra wicking layer. These are super-comfortable, pack in nano-space, and dry out fast after being washed in a motel bathroom sink. M (5-8.5), L (9-12), XL (13-15).

**#1417 \$7.00**



## SEALSKINZ WATERPROOF SOCKS

During a day-long, hammering rain we all know that the most "waterproof" of boots can sometimes leak. Or at least seem kinda damp the next day. SealSkinz Socks are made of a thin, stretchy, waterproof/breathable fabric that is constructed in a seamless, comfortable method that allows perspiration to escape, while keeping your tootsies dry. Their 100% waterproof engineered fabric was developed by DuPont scientists and really works. They pack smaller than the smallest rain overboots and are great to carry on a trip for those long, soggy days. Dry feet go a long ways towards making foul weather riding tolerable. Black. S(5-6), M(7-9), L(10-11), XL(12-13).

**#417 \$37.00**

## Our Three Most Favorite Sox

*If you think sox are just sox, you are wrong. We've probably looked at more than a hundred different kinds, and tried a lot of them, ending up with only those offered here. Each has a slightly different price point, or unique feature, or purpose. But we still have a few personal favorites. So do our customers.*

*The most popular type is the Bamboo sox (#430 \$19) on the opposite page. Visit the Aerostich website and you'll find many customer-written testimonials about how great they are. Somewhere there's a perfect balance of knit feel, density and elasticity...and this sock has it. Simply perfect inside riding boots, loafers, or just about anything between. They feel great and last a long time, too.*

*One of the Aerostich Wool Riding Socks, the Trekking Plus Mid (#457 \$27), is another favorite for both riding boots and regular everyday shoes. These come from a small company that knits the very best, most beautiful private-label sox available using only the finest merino wools. (From the*

*happiest sheep, right?) We started talking to this company about what we wanted the 'perfect' sock to be. Now we're a sock manufacturer. This one is 80% merino and it feels like even more. It's wonderful.*

*The knitted-in-USA Light Weight Gray Merino Wool Luxury Sox (#415 \$18) was the first sock ever in an Aerostich catalog over 25 years ago. We still like it the best for all-around everyday wear with shoes, sandals(!) and boots. It's unique arch brace knit pattern holds the sock in place with extra support there, and it's flat-knit toe seam is comfortable. Merino content is 74%, nylon is 25% and elastic is 1%. It wears long and they don't stink even after days of use. This sock was originally designed for hiking and backpacking, so it wicks moisture better, too. It is an absolutely great all-purpose sock.*

*You can wash any of these out in a motel sink and they'll be ready the next morning. These are our favorites. The very best fitting, feeling and wearing. Worth every penny.*



Scan to watch the video at [aerostich.com/aerostich-triple-digit-covers.html](http://aerostich.com/aerostich-triple-digit-covers.html)

### AEROSTICH TRIPLE DIGIT GLOVE COVERS

It is possible to enjoy warm, dry hands while being plastered and hammered and hosed. The thin ripstop nylon laminated fabric breathes enough during rain conditions so your skin won't become clammy. The oversize gauntlets slide on easily and allow a secure grip when used over your regular (crash protective) gloves. An elastic drawcord with a tethered cordlock keeps them in place. Hook & loop wrist cinches are ergonomically reversed and easier to use. They pack very small, so you'll always have them ready. There's Scotchlite reflective for nighttime hand signaling, and a left thumb visor squeegee. To work best, size to fit over regular crash protective gloves. For glove sizes S or 7-8, use a size M. For glove sizes M/L or 9-10, use a size L. For size XL or 11+, use size XL. Orange or Black. M-XL. Specify color.

#442 \$47.00



### AEROSTICH SHORT TRIPLE DIGIT GLOVE COVERS

If you prefer wearing raincovers under your sleeves, these work better and are easier to use. These are exactly the same design as the Triple Digit Raincovers, without the extended gauntlet. Orange or Black, M-XL.

#492 \$47.00

#### Tuck-in or Wear-Over?

You are riding along down the highway in the rain, wearing Triple Digit Raincovers. The drawcord around the end of the gauntlet is drawn up tight. Everything is working perfectly, your hands and gloves are dry even though it's coming down in buckets. Then you must come to a stop at the end of an off ramp, and there's a stoplight. Red. You take your hands off the bars and let them fall to your sides while you wait.

All good things must come to an end. Rainwater runs down your sleeves right into the tiny opening at the end of the gauntlet where the drawcord exits. And trickles into your wrist. A few more stoplights ahead and your gloves and hands are now wet inside the raincovers.

There are two solutions: 1) Remember not to lower your arms at stoplights. Learn to fold your arms across your chest or lay them on a tank bag. 2) Wear raincovers which are tucked inside of your sleeves.

### AEROSTICH ULTRALIGHT RAIN PANTS

These waterproof nylon pants pack away small yet are strong enough to thwart rain and road spray. If you ride in jeans and a jacket and the weather changes during the day, they'll get you home dry. Ultralight Rain Pants self-store in a 4"x5"x1.5" integral zippered pocket. Long waterproof side zips and fly zips make them easy to get on and off over footwear. Fully seam sealed. An elastic drawstring waist keeps them up. Not intended for hard everyday use, but perfect to stash in a courier bag, fairing pocket or wherever you might need them when it decides to rain. Never worry about where to find garbage bags and duct tape. M (32"-34"x30.5"R, 32.5"L), L (36"-38"x32"R, 34"L), or XL (40"-42"x33.5"R, 35.57L).

Regular #409 \$87.00  
Long #419 \$87.00



FOLDS INTO ITS OWN POCKET



### AEROSTICH WATERWERKS KIT

For extended exposure in severe conditions. Includes repellent (two NikWax TX Direct Wash-In), one tube of Seam Grip Seam Sealer, syringe applicator and instructions for upgrading or extending the water repellency of breathable/waterproof fabrics, and improving Roadcrafter main zippers water resistance.

#1334 \$27.00



### NIKWAX TX DIRECT SPRAY-ON REPELLENT

Restores the durable water-repellent finish of all types of waterproof/breathable fabrics. Ideal for garments or single-wall tents and synthetic sleeping bag shells. Best when sprayed on damp material. 10 oz.

#1360 \$14.00

### NIKWAX GLOVE PROOF

Very effective on leather or synthetics. Penetrates leather deeply. Comes in an easy-to-use 4 oz. bottle. Helps leather last longer and hands stay drier. Leaves dry 'waxed' feel. Not oily.

#1368 \$8.00



### RAIN GLOVE COVERS

Enjoy the same control feel, and abrasion protection of your regular leather gloves in lousy weather. XXL industrial dish gloves fit easily over your regular leather gloves to keep your hands dry and they pack very small. (May not fit really big gloved hands). One size. Blue.

#436 \$4.00



### ALUMINUM MINI UMBRELLA

We have heard of people going to motorcycle rallies where it didn't rain... and although it's quite possible to bench race and tell lies without an umbrella, having one along tends to make the best of unfortunate meteorological circumstances. This lightweight eight stay (most mini's have only six) aluminum umbrella features a wooden handle, strong all-aluminum frame and a nylon canopy. Comes with an unlimited lifetime manufacturer's warranty. 42" canopy. Folds to 10", 12 oz.

#4063 \$24.00



### ULTIMATE RIDERS' UMBRELLA

This is the world's best and most advanced travel umbrella. The perfect balance of portability and performance in a revolutionary, compact



umbrella design. Auto opens easily with an advanced Radial Tensioning System that redirects, transfers and distributes the effort needed to open the canopy. When open, the aerodynamically robust structure fares better in more extreme conditions, providing an ultimate defense against the elements. 37" canopy. Folds to 14", 13.2 oz.

#4158 \$47.00

### TINGLEY OVERBOOTS

Nearly everyone who must be outdoors in bad weather uses these tough 10" high rubber boots. Farmers, construction workers and hardcore everyday riders know and appreciate how this design stretches easily over bulky boots (removes easily also) and offers superb protection from rain and snow. Durable, lightweight (13 oz.), abrasion resistant, will not stiffen or crack in cold weather, thick slip-resistant tread for traction on all surfaces, and the shaped sole will not roll around your boot's welt, even if you wear them all day long. Perfect to keep in the garage for commuting on bad days, but you will also find yourself using them for many non-riding tasks where you need a comfortable, tough waterproof overboot. Black. S (6.5-8), M (8-9.5), L (9.5-11), XL (11-12.5).



#403 \$37.00



### NEOS ADVENTURER OVERSHOES

Looking real cool in an Errol Flynn meets Neil Armstrong kinda way, these were originally designed for winter and foul weather foot commuters. They also happen to work real well as motorcycle rain overboots. These are made of 100% waterproof Cordura to a height of 15", and pack down enough to fit in an area the same size as a pair of sneakers. A lightweight high-traction sole holds up better than conventional motorcycle "bootie" type rain footwear. An easy-on/easy-off design makes them quick to use. Black. M (7-8.5), L (9-10.5), XL (11-12), XXL (12.5-13.5).

#414 \$87.00



### AEROSTICH BOOT RAINCOVERS

Seam sealed black ripstop nylon raincovers that are strong enough to stop rain and road spray all day on a thousand mile rainy day, but pack small enough to carry along and are ready when you need them. A reversed waterproof zipper makes them fast and easy to put on and remove. They are all that's needed to get home from work with dry feet and boots if the weather changes unexpectedly too. We looked at and tried more than a dozen types from other companies before engineering these. They pack small, are easier to put on and remove and work better. Each cover neatly stores into a built-in hook & loop closed pouch that's only 3"x4"x1.3". M (7-9), L (10-12), XL (13-14).

#407 \$67.00



FAST REAR ZIP AND REFLECTORS



FOLDS INTO TOE

### AEROSTICH ALWAYS-READY BOOT RAINCOVERS

Practical and lightweight, these ripstop nylon raincovers self-store in a small, flat pocket that secures via hook and loop to the inside shin area of the R-3, R-3 Light, Classic Roadcrafter, AD1 and Darien Suits and pants. The integrated storage makes them super easy to put on and ensures they are always ready when you need them. 7"x6.5". M (7-9), L (10-12), XL (13-14).

#401 \$57.00



Scan to watch the video at [aerostich.com/aerostich-lightweight-emergency-boot-raincovers.html](http://aerostich.com/aerostich-lightweight-emergency-boot-raincovers.html)



### BIFOCAL RIDING GLASSES

If you find yourself squinting to read the map (on the GPS screen, or on paper...), then these wind-cheating glasses are just the ticket. Impact resistant polycarbonate lenses are outfitted with reading glass cheater lenses just below eye level, so they are readily available when you need a close view, and not distracting when surveying the road ahead. A sturdy black frame features arms that can be length-extended for fit, and soft nose pads for a comfortable, near custom fit. The scratch resistant lenses are available in either smoke or clear and provide 99.9% protection from harmful UV rays. Great protective eyewear that look so cool, nobody will even know you're wearing safety glasses. 5.6"x2.5". Specify power of +1.50, +2.00, +2.50 or +3.00.

Clear #1063 \$15.00  
Smoke #1064 \$16.00



### RX RIDING GLASSES

Read maps, GPS screens and mobile devices without squinting or holding at arms length. These ergonomic nylon framed glasses feature sleek, high performance, impact resistant polycarbonate lenses, embedded with precisely placed 'cheater' lens inserts to help prevent accidents, headaches and strain on your, um, er...matur-ing eyesight. Provide 99.9% protection from harmful UV rays too. Lightweight design and a soft, self-adjusting rubber nose pad for all day, under the helmet comfort. Straight temple design with almost no over the ear bend for easy on/off. Available in +1.5, +2.0, +2.5 or +3.0 diopters with a choice of Clear, Yellow or Brown lenses. 5.6"x2.5".

Black Frame/Clear Lens #1071 \$24.00  
Black Frame/Yellow Lens #1075 \$24.00  
Tortoise Frame/Brown Lens #1081 \$24.00



### FLIGHT GLASSES

These exact sunglasses were the first to go to the moon with the crew aboard the Apollo 11, and have long been spec for U.S. Air Force pilots. Designed specifically to fit under a helmet or headset, and engineered to rigid military specifications, they offer maximum protection, optical performance and comfort. The neutral grey, scratch- and shatter-resistant polycarbonate lenses absorb 99% of UVA and UVB rays, and allow for sharper detail and evenness of color. The rugged, high-quality frames are made of polished steel and the bayonet style earpieces are designed for maximum comfort no matter how long they're worn. These timeless masterpieces have been issued to millions of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen since 1958, and have never gone out of style.



AVIATOR



PILOT



CASE

### AVIATOR

Regular is 58mm, small is 52mm.

Regular #1241 \$67.00  
Small #1243 \$67.00

### PILOT

Regular is 57mm, small is 52mm.

Regular #1229 \$62.00  
Small #1249 \$62.00



### HELMET SUNBLOCKER

Some full-face helmets don't have projecting visors, and we all know sometimes this results in glare problems when Riding Into The Sunset. This simple product solves the problem nicely. 100% UV rated and easy to apply, the Sunblocker is a flexible, dark, sunglasses-green transparent strip that applies to helmet shields interior using static electricity, and can be used on many different helmets. Install it along the top-edge of your helmet's shield and enjoy the resulting decrease in discomfort and fatigue.

Universal #1052 \$16.00  
Arai #1054 \$16.00



### FACE SHIELD SUPERVISOR

Riding into a low sun every day can drive you crazy (unless your shield is brand new and perfect). Ordinary dust and nano-scratches catching the light can be absolutely blinding, and unsafe as hell. This solution works splendidly. The visor is aerodynamically engineered and fits all helmet types that use face shields. Perfect vision and less eye fatigue is only a slight head tilt away. Never be blinded by the sun again. Comes complete with a lift kit, which allows for height adjustment and removability.

#1546 \$17.00



### AEROSTITCH FACESHIELD BAGS

Two versions: A soft fleecy environment for your spare facemasks or neoprene sleeve. If you have wanted to carry more than one tint or a replacement for possible damage that may occur on a trip, you may have wished for a transport solution like this one. 19.75"x5.5".

Fleece #1032 \$20.00  
Neoprene #1031 \$22.00





(Tokki and his Doggles are ready to ride. Photo: Steph Bentz, 2013)



### BUGZ GOGGLES

The original and still the best. They were the first of a new generation of an old invention, and feature 100% UV protection and a unique dual lens design. Made of optical polycarbonate, the tough outer lens is backed up by a fog-fighting inner lens. Individual eye frames flex enough to adapt to different face shapes. Side vents are adjustable, helping the wearer control air flow. Soft elastic strapping holds these goggles in place during hard use. Tough and innovative, if you wear goggles regularly, you'll love these. Black frame. Specify clear or smoke lenses.

Clear Lens #1072 \$52.00  
Smoke Lens #1070 \$52.00



### DOGGLES

As motorcyclists, it's obvious to all of us why dogs stick their heads out of car windows. But dogs, like humans, need eye protection when riding motorcycles.

So preserve Fido's corneas with these comfortable and well-made goggles for man's best friend, for whom you want only the best, right? Doggles feature sturdy construction and metallic black frames with replaceable smoke lenses designed to fit canine craniums. Probably the closest thing to Chick Magnets you are going to find in this catalog. (See dogsonbikes.com for info on riding with dogs.) XS (1-10lbs.), S (9-25lbs.), M (20-60 lbs.), L (50-90 lbs.).

#1079 \$19.00  
Replacement Lenses (Clear) #1019 \$9.00

### WILEYX XL 1

Among the most advanced eye protection systems available, these are made specifically for riding applications. They feature tough resin frames with a wraparound shape backed by a comfortable, removable ultra foam gasket that helps keep wind and dust away from your eyes. Each comes with a removable safety strap, case, microfiber cloth, and an encyclopedia's worth of advanced high-end lens technologies. Excellent for UV protection. Currently in use by our military forces operating in desert areas. Optically perfect, interchangeable smoke and clear lenses. Matte black frame.



#1220 \$82.00



INTERCHANGEABLE LENS



### AIRFOIL NOMAD DAY2NITE

Ride with confidence into the night with Airfoil® Day2Nite Photochromatic lenses housed in lightweight, comfortable and functional padded frames. On sunny days the lenses are smoke to afford protection from the sun, while on cloudy days, nighttime and early mornings, they transition to clear for maximum visibility while still offering protection from wind, bugs, rain and debris. 100% UVA/UVB protection and shatterproof lens. Grey photochromatic with black frame. Folds neatly into its own pouch.

Note: All photochromatic lenses will not darken behind a faceshield or windshield and will lighten in very warm weather conditions.

#1604 \$79.00



### AIRFOIL FITOVER GOGGLE DAY2NITE

These goggles feature a roomy fit to be worn over most prescription glasses. 100% UVA/UVB protection and shatterproof lens. Grey photochromatic with black frame.

#1605 \$99.00

#### Doggone Good Doggle Goggles — Customer review

Our mutt is about 10 pounds, and I was unsure about what size to order—went with the medium (for 10 to 25 pounders). They were just fine for "Tres," our three-legged dog. He is cute as Hell, but with the Doggles, he is beyond cute—now the cutest damned dog ever to mount the buddy seat on a bike. I can provide a picture, should you be able to stand the realization that you don't own this dog. And, he seems to love them, although I haven't been able to get him to write an endorsement. (Posted on 10/7/11)

## NOLAN N91 MODULAR

Design updates and improvements to styling, features and functions make this modular helmet a great choice for everyday riding. An aerodynamic polycarbonate shell combines with a removable and washable Clima Comfort interior lining and cheekpad system for all-day quiet and comfort, a neutral internal shape should be a comfortable fit for most head shapes. Interior VPS dark tinted shield deploys easily with glove friendly lever on left side of helmet, great to use as built-in sunglasses when needed, and as eye-protection when used independently from the clear shield. Secure locking mechanism on the chinbar allows for one-handed operation to open the front. Quick-release, multi-position anti-scratch shield includes Pinlock insert for reduced fogging. Adjustable chin and top vents with rear extraction allow for excellent air flow. Ready for NCOM communication system. DOT approved. Silver, Black or White. S-XXL. 3.9 lbs. Faceshields and pinlocks listed online.

#1185 \$315.95\*

\*Call 800-222-1994 for latest/best price.



### N-COM BASIC KITS



For basic communication and audio, each helmet must be equipped with a Basic Kit. It includes earphones, a microphone, and two short input/output jacks (that hang from the underside of the helmet, and allow you to plug in various devices). The Basic Kit will permit you to listen to your music player, radar detector, GPS unit, etc., and talk on your cell phone, but you must control

volume on the source device and answer the phone by pressing the controls on the phone. For connecting to external audio and communications devices, a Multimedia Wire and/or Cell Phone Wire is needed. Installs in minutes without any tools or modifications.

N91 Basic Kit #1291 \$109.00

N-Com Multimedia Wire (not shown) #1261 \$27.00



BASIC

### N-COM HELMET CONTROL & COMMUNICATION KITS

Upgrade your N-Com Basic Kit to adjust volume and answer phone calls directly on your helmet, or communicate with a passenger. The Bluetooth® Kit allows wireless communication between the pilot and passenger (must be installed in each), and wireless connection to Bluetooth® phones or other devices (only one wireless device may be accessed at one time). Includes on helmet control unit, battery and AC battery charger. The Basic Kit must first be installed to use this kit.

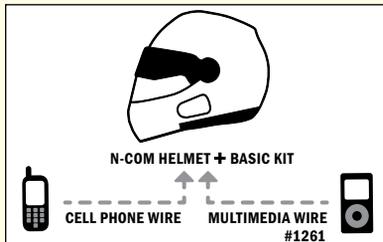


BLUETOOTH®

N91 Bluetooth Kit #1263 \$259.00

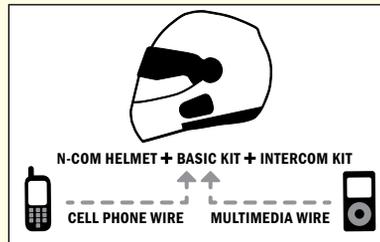
### BASIC

Connect your N-Com helmet to your mobile phone and multimedia sources.



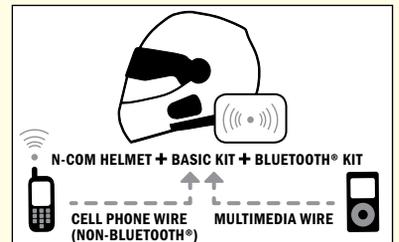
### BASIC + INTERCOM

Adjust volume and answer phone calls on your N-Com helmet.



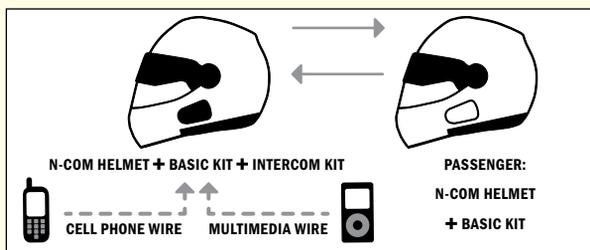
### BASIC + BLUETOOTH®

Wirelessly connect to your Bluetooth® phone, and adjust volume and answer calls on your N-Com helmet.



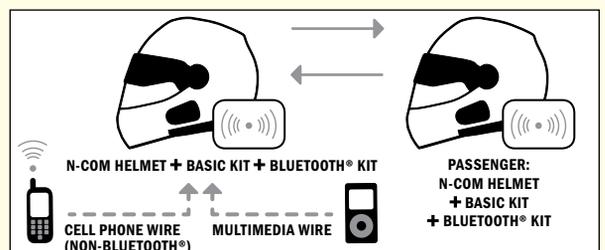
### BASIC + INTERCOM + PASSENGER

Speak with a passenger, and adjust volume and answer phone calls on your N-Com helmet.



### BASIC + BLUETOOTH® + PASSENGER

Wirelessly speak with a passenger and connect to your Bluetooth® cell phone, and adjust volume and answer phone calls on your Nolan N-Com helmet.



## NOLAN N104 N-COM MODULAR

The next generation in lower profile, flip-up modular helmets, the N104 has been redesigned for improved rider fit and function. The rugged Lexan polycarbonate shell is up to 7 ounces lighter and has sleeker, dramatically more effectual aerodynamics, with quieter and improved airflow compared to previous helmet designs. The optically clear Lexan face shield is wider and taller for superior vision, is easily removable (without tools) and offers riders fractional positioning for enhanced air control. Further enhancing the improved Airbooster venting and airflow is an included Pinlock shield for additional protection against fogging. The independent, internally mounted VPS sun visor is coated to resist scratching/fogging. It deploys easily via a left side slider and instantly retracts with the push of a button. The chinbar has a narrower design for less bulk, while retaining the secure locking mechanism that is easily opened with a single hand by pinching the release levers. A comfortable four-part removable, washable interior liner is anti-fungal and anti-microbial, and provides an intermediate oval fit. Beyond improved sizing, performance and rider comfort, the N104 also comes communications ready with the installation of the optional, all-new Nolan B4 N-Com system. Exceeds D.O.T. safety standards. Read sizing instructions before ordering, and let us know if you have questions. Silver, White, Yellow, Black and Orange. Intermediate oval fit. S-XL. 3.8 lbs.



**N104 N-Com Helmet #1363 \$449.95\***  
**Clear Faceshield XS-L #1389 \$44.00**  
**Clear Faceshield XL-3X #1390 \$44.00**  
**Clear Pinlock XS-L #1391 \$38.00**  
**Clear Pinlock XL-3X #1392 \$38.00**

\*Call 800-222-1994 for latest/best price.



### N-COM BLUETOOTH 2 EBOX KITS

The N-Com Bluetooth 2 Ebox is a state-of-the-art communication system allowing wireless transmissions with pillion, communication with up to 4 other riders (up to 500 meter range), connection via Bluetooth to GPS, mobile phone and other devices or listen to the built-in RDS FM radio. Low-profile design is simple to install and includes high quality speakers, noise canceling microphone and battery unit. Connects to PC via USB for easy firmware updates, changing pre-set radio stations or adjusting audio preferences. Compatible only with Nolan N-Com model helmets listed below.

**Nolan N104-B4 Kit #1381 \$379.00**



### N-COM HONDA GOLDWING WIRE

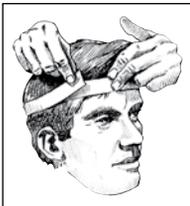
Allows the connection of a Nolan Helmet equipped with a Bluetooth or Intercom Kit to the audio system of the Honda Goldwing. To use with a passenger, both helmets must be equipped with either the Intercom or Bluetooth Kit and connected to the motorcycle with the wire instead of connected directly with an intercom wire. This configuration is not possible for helmets equipped with the Basic Kit only.

**#1288 \$47.00**

### HELMET SIZING

Using a long strip of paper, have a friend measure horizontally around the largest part of your head, about an inch above your eyebrows (see illustration). Measure the length of the strip with a ruler and use the following chart to determine your helmet size:

HELMET SIZE	MEASUREMENT	CHEEK PADS
Small (6 7/8"-7")	21 5/8"-22"	15 mm
Medium (7 1/8"-7 1/4")	22 3/4"-23"	20 mm
Large (7 3/8"-7 1/2")	23 1/8"-23 1/2"	25 mm
X Large (7 5/8"-7 3/4")	24"-24 3/8"	30 mm
XX Large (7 7/8"-8")	24 3/4"-25 1/8"	35 mm



For safety, comfort, and noise reduction, your helmet should fit snugly. If you can rotate your head inside the helmet, it's too loose. Helmets have a layer of soft foam comfort "upholstery" that covers the hard polystyrene (styrofoam) impact absorbing lining. You should be able to feel each pad pressing against your head. If you hold the helmet isometrically (one hand on each side of the helmet) and try to move your head inside of the now "stationary" helmet with only your neck muscles, you should feel the soft foam upholstery compressing between your skull and the polystyrene. If you do not feel any compression, your head will be right up against the unyielding polystyrene. The helmet padding will break in and soften during about the first ten hours of wear, so if it feels a bit too snug when new, that's normal. A helmet should be snug... not uncomfortable or over-tight.

**HEAD SHAPE & ALL DAY FIT** » A good fitting helmet is a safer, quieter helmet. To fit any helmet properly you should position it on your head so the top of the eye port opening is about one finger width above your eyebrows. This will tell you if the chinbar fits the shape of your jaw, and how the cranial section fits your head. Pay special attention to the fit around the crown of your head (the part that is contacted by a baseball cap's band). Sizing the helmet to better fit the face instead of the head, will result in a looser fitting, noisy helmet.



### SHOEI NEOTEC MODULAR

Continual refinements in helmet technology have resulted in this all-new, next-level modular helmet design. Boasting streamlined shell aerodynamics to provide noticeably less buffeting and noise than previous helmets, with a reduced weight 5-ply Shock Absorbant Fibershell, this top-of-the-line helmet is filled with advanced updates. Superior ventilation and a fully removable, washable and replaceable dual-density EPS liner combine with an integrated chin curtain, breath guard and a micro-ratchet retention strap to make this an ideal lid for all-day, any-weather, riding comfort and protection. An enlarged face shield attaches to a smooth opening flip-up visor, providing a remarkably wide, clear field of vision. Providing 99% UV protection, the clear shield also includes a clear Pinlock shield to protect against fogging. A secondary internal sun shield is mounted inside the shell and operates independently from the full-face shield, deploying easily via a glove optimized left-side slider. Three outer shell sizes are available for improved fit and performance for all head sizes. A truly advanced modular design. Meets D.O.T. safety standards. Matte Black, Light Silver, White or Yellow. S-XL. 3 lbs. 11 oz.



**Neotec Helmet #1394 \$662.99\***  
**Clear Replacement Pinlock #1300 \$52.00**



### RPHA-MAX MODULAR

Advanced design technology and hand-laid use of premium shell materials like carbon fiber, aramid and fiberglass combine to make this modular helmet extremely light, quiet, comfortable and durable. An innovative one-touch open/close locking system makes for easy operation of the flip-up chin bar and face shield, while an advanced channeling ventilation system provides superior airflow to achieve optimal internal climate control and eliminate fogging. The optically superior Pinlock ready face shield provides 95% UV protection and utilizes an innovative center-touch locking design for an extremely secure seal. The integrated smoke-tinted sunshield visor adjusts quickly and easily to three different positions from the one-touch lever. A removable, washable comfort liner enhances rider comfort through inherent anti-bacterial and moisture wicking properties. Backed by a 5 year manufacturer warranty. Pinlock lens included. Exceeds D.O.T safety standards. Read sizing instructions before ordering, and let us know if you have questions. Black, Matte Black, White or Silver. S-XXL. 3.55 lbs. Replacement shields listed online.



**#1519 \$459.99\***

**\*Call 800-222-1994 for latest/best price.**

## A Simple Guide to Modular Helmets

We sell four modulars; good, better (two versions) and best.

### Good — RPHA Max

Lightweight and very quiet. The cheek pads were very tight on my face, and (after a first day of uncomfortable wear) I had to jam a motel ice bucket tightly inside overnight, to compress and soften them up. After that, this helmet worked and wore great. Airflow vents extremely effective. Double D ring chin strap a pain after using the great Nolan chin strap latch, but you get used to them after a few days of regular use. This one is very lightweight, which is nice. Korea.

### Better — Nolan (Two Styles)

Kind of gimmick-y in styling and features, but very nice overall. From one of the world's largest helmet companies. I wear an older, simpler version of this helmet one for 95% of my riding (X1002). By far the easiest to use chin strap latch system. Lots of other nice details and features. Durable. Fairly quiet. Integrated intercom or audio system available. The ultimate chin-bar opening latch and hinge system. Italy.

### Best — Shoei Neotec

What I'd probably buy today, and would immediately void

the warrantee by taking the wonderful chin strap buckle off my old Nolan and sew it onto the chinstrap of one of these, replacing the forever-proven safe-and-reliable-slow (ergonomic P.I.A. in short-distance daily riding) double-D ring system. Superb quality of construction and details, everywhere. Everything works perfectly. A second or third generation design from one of the worlds best helmet companies. Japan.

### Related notes:

Modular helmets provide superior versatility. At highway speeds and on sport and unfaired bikes you'll enjoy 'full-face' protection and comfort, yet during short stops, or when riding slow somewhere you can open up the chin bar. This can be specially nice in hot weather. If you want only one helmet to do both all-day longer-distance rides and also for frequent short-hop urban riding, we recommend them.

New helmets take a while to 'break in'. Especially 'full coverage' and modular types. They also take a while to learn the various tabs and slots that open the chin bar and visor and vents. For a while one fumbles around with a new helmet but eventually one learns to use the various bits and it all gets easier. On my old Nolan helmet everything is now second nature.

—Mr. Subjective, 6-14



### ARAI XD4

One helmet to fit all...riding styles is the role of this dual-sport hybrid helmet design. A fully removable, replaceable and washable comfort liner, cheek pads and chinstrap utilize a Dry-Cool® technology for greater comfort. A customized fit can be achieved with a proprietary peel-away temple and cheek pad micro-fit system. The CLC shell composite is incredibly strong and light, with improved aerodynamics for added high-speed stability. Topside diffuser vents combine with chin and side cowl ports to provide excellent ventilation and airflow control. Twin-cam pivot system allows the locking face shield to be fully operable under the adjustable angled visor, or remove the shield for use with goggles. The visor can also be removed for added comfort and safety for high-speed or high-mileage riding. A premium, better fitting helmet for every ride. Snell approved. Exceeds D.O.T. standards. Fits intermediate oval heads. White, Silver, Yellow or Black. 3.75 lbs. S-XL.



#1388 \$599.95\*  
Clear Shield #1398 \$62.00  
Clear Pinlock #1399 \$64.00

**\*Call 800-222-1994 for latest/best price.**  
**\*\*Use of the visor is not recommended for high-speed riding where air resistance may inhibit returning the head to a forward and level position.**



### SHOEI HORNET-DS

Have you ever been cruising down the highway on your street bike when out of nowhere you spot some off-road terrain that looks absolutely irresistible? We have, which is precisely why we created the Hornet-DS. Bridging all gaps between road and off-road riding, the Hornet-DS boasts an outstanding list of features that includes AIM+ shell construction, SHOEI's exclusive 3D Max-Dry Liner, and a wind-tight flip-up shield that offers the versatility of using goggles in dusty conditions. The only helmet for serious dual-sport riders, the Hornet-DS comes complete with everything but a set of knobbies. Black, White, Silver, Gray. S-XL. 3.4lbs. Replacement shields listed online.

#1527 \$538.99\*

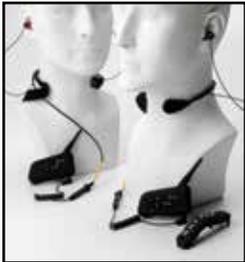


### AEROSTICH GLOVE, BOOT, AND HELMET DOGS

Made of cotton flannel tightly filled with red cedar chips and a drying agent, this insert speeds drying and neutralizes odors, leaving behind a long-lasting freshness. Their purifying and moisture-wicking action is effective for a long time (more than a year...), even with daily use. A natural alternative to liquid deodorizing solutions created by the petrochemical industry. 

Glove #1486 \$12.00  
Boot #1487 \$12.00  
Helmet #1493 \$16.00

Boot, Helmet and Glove Dogs **SAVE \$5.00** #1471 \$35.00



### NECKMIKE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Rugged, advanced military communication technology, bundled in a lightweight and versatile civilian-use design compatible with mobile phones, two-way radios, GPS units, com systems and more. Unique throat microphone virtually eliminates wind noise and ambient sounds, while passive noise canceling in-ear stereo headphones deliver crisp, clear conversation, music or directions. Highly weather resistant and developed to withstand exposure to harsh environments.

Neckmike Mobile includes the patented headset with integrated throat microphone and noise isolating ear-speakers. Place and receive calls and listen to streaming or preloaded music on your smartphone. The cable includes an inline answer button that also functions as a music pause button on most phones too.

The M4 Bluetooth unit expands functionality to enable Bluetooth connection to a mobile phone for calls and music or GPS device for navigation voice prompts, as well as intercom connections between up to 4 riders (and/or passengers) at a range up to ½ mile. Along with the headset/microphone unit and helmet mountable Bluetooth transceiver, there is also an included wireless handlebar mounted remote control for convenient and safe operation. Glove friendly push-button remote adjusts headset volume, opens/closes intercom sessions and answers/closes phone calls. Includes long-life rechargeable battery.

Mobile unit (#1646) comes with Neckmike headset, 4 sets of interchangeable headphone tips, multi-function smartphone cable and user guide. M4 Bluetooth (#1647) includes above plus Bluetooth transceiver, wireless handlebar mount remote, helmet mounting fastener, coiled extension cable, 3.5mm to 2.5mm AUX adapter, USB wall charger and charging cable. Twin Pack (#1648) features two complete M4 Bluetooth units (including headset, remote and transceiver).

Mobile #1646 \$99.00  
M4 Bluetooth #1647 \$249.00  
Twin Pack #1648 \$469.00



### SHOEI RF-1200

State-of-the-art design and advanced wind-tunnel testing forge a lighter, smaller, quieter and more comfortable helmet for every ride. The aerodynamic full-face design sports an intermediate oval internal shape to fit most heads, with four shell sizes for a near custom fit. The comfortable hypoallergenic inner lining is removable and washable. Improved venting front and rear offer exceptional air-flow, while a thick neck roll closes around head and jaw to seal out unwanted wind and noise. The CWR-1 shield provides a vast field of vision, distortion-free view and blocks 99% of UV rays and is Pinlock® equipped for anti-fog protection. Emergency Quick Release System for easy emergency removal. Snell and DOT approved. 5-Year warranty. White, Black, Silver, Red or Brilliant Yellow. XS-XXL. 3.4lbs. Replacement shields listed online.

#1629 \$485.99\*



### ARAI VECTOR 2

Unmatched craftsmanship, performance and fit in a less-is-more design. The shell shape is designed to better flow in the wind and utilizes a proprietary Complex Laminate Construction technology for combined strength, flexibility and lightweight. A one-piece multi-density EPS liner provides superior energy absorption to further enhance helmet safety. The inner-liner is removable and washable, with micro-fit cheek and temple pads that utilize 5mm peel-away layers to achieve a perfect fit, combined with the intermediate oval interior shape will fit a wide variety of head shapes well. The SAI face shield provides an extremely wide view for increased lateral awareness. Design improvements include an integrated removable breath guard, improved stability with a lower center of gravity and larger, improved airflow vents, front and rear, for increased airflow while minimizing noise levels. Snell approved. Exceeds D.O.T. standards. Fits intermediate oval heads. White, Black or Yellow. 3.7 lbs. S-XL

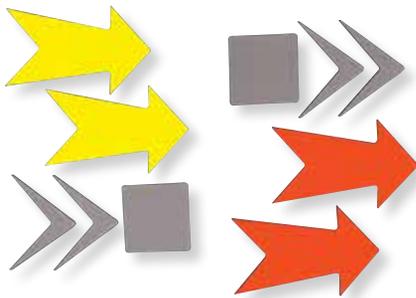


#1379 \$499.95\*

Clear Shield #1396 \$54.00

Clear Pinlock Insert #1397 \$30.00

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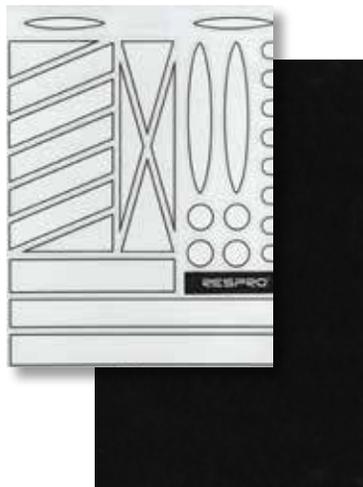


### ARROW HEAD® REFLECTIVE

These large retro-reflective directional arrows mount to the back and sides of your helmet, so when you turn your head to check if the adjacent lane is clear, they boldly indicate your intention to the unintentionally homicidal drivers on four wheels around you. A valuable safety accessory for riding in urban (and not so urban) areas. Kit includes hi-viz yellow or orange arrows, as well as silver chevrons and rear-facing diamonds. Specify color.



#1214 \$24.00

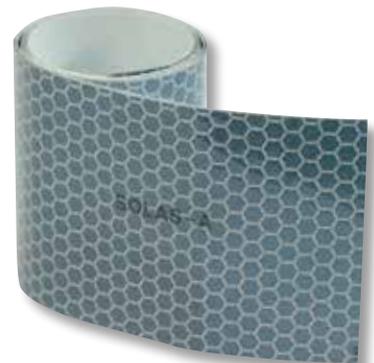


### DIECUT 3M ADHESIVE REFLECTIVE

This Scotchlite® material can be applied to any hard surface and reflects a brilliant white. Perfect for helmets and hard bags. Die Cut Silver is pre-cut to specific shapes. Solid Sheet Black is one solid sheet so you can cut it the shapes and sizes needed. 8.75"×11.75".

Silver #2845 \$22.00

Black #2847 \$28.00



### ADHESIVE 3M SOLAS GRADE REFLECTIVE

Look closely at the surface of highway or industrial warning signs and you will find the unique, hexagonal pattern that identifies 3M SOLAS (Safety Of Life At Sea) Grade Reflective. A clear protective layer bonded over reflective glass microbeads ensures strong reflective power—even in wet conditions. Slightly stretchy and trims easily to any shape. Ideal for curved surfaces like helmets. One of the most intense retro-reflectives in the world. Silver color. 2' long by 2" wide.

#346 \$7.00



### ARAI SIGNET Q

The Signet-Q interior is a world apart. Elongated 5mm front-to-back, it has peel-away interior liner pads to allow micro-fit adjustments and provide a true Long-Oval interior and a better fit for more riders. Redirected brow vent ducting further enhances proven airflow technology and an included Pinlock anti-fog lens will keep forward vision clear. A 10mm wider eye port dramatically increases peripheral view at each side, a benefit soon appreciated in real-world street riding. Black, Silver, White, Grey, Blue. S-XXL. 3.6lbs.

#1529 \$619.95\*



### HJC RPHA10

A full face helmet perfect for everyday street riding or long distance cruising, with a comfortable anti-bacterial interior and enhanced venting, it was made to be durable and rugged for a life on the road. Advanced lightweight P.I.M. (Premium Integrated Matrix) fiberglass composite shell provides superior fit, performance and comfort. The optically superior Pinlock® ready faceshield uses an innovative one-touch open/close locking system for an extremely secure seal. Snell and DOT approved. Black, White, Silver, Yellow, Anthracite. 3.2 lbs. S-XXL. Replacement shields listed online.

#1536 \$369.99\*



\* Call 800-222-1994 for latest/best price.



### SHOEI RJ-PLATINUM R

Contemporary styling with an improved and adjustable fit raises the bar for open-face helmet performance. A Lightweight Advanced Integrated Matrix Plus (AIM+) shell combines fiberglass and organic fibers for more efficient impact absorption and distribution. Adjustable top and rear vents provide enhanced air-flow while maintaining a remarkably quiet riding experience. The fully removable/washable interior liner features cheek pad slits for eyeglasses/sunglasses with a soft, comfortable 3D Shock-Absorbent Comfort Liner further enhancing the safety and fit characteristics of this Snell and D.O.T. certified lid. The distinctive visor is removable and convenient snaps allow for aftermarket shield fitment. An adjustable, padded D-ring chin strap keeps this helmet comfortable secure. This is the bench-mark of craftsmanship and safety technology in a premier open-face helmet. Matte Black, Light Silver or White. S-XL. 2.8lbs.

#1395 \$291.99\*

\* Call 800-222-1994 for latest/best price.



### ILLUMINATING WAISTBAND

Hook & loop waistband is adjustable from 39"-52". Yellow/Red. Runs up to 400 hours on two AA batteries (not included).

#1216 \$18.00



### ILLUMINATING ARMBAND

You'll be seen way better at night if you are wearing these lightweight self-illuminated markers. The long lasting LED embedded in the reflective can be set to flash or run constantly. Proven visible up to a mile away. Elastic bands cinch to fit (2.5"-9.5"). Red LED. Runs up to 100 hours per included watch battery.

#1215 \$12.00



### HALO HELMET BAND

Reflective neoprene band stretches around the lower part of your helmet for after dark conspicuity.

#1016 \$13.00



### HELMETLOK

A carabiner with a built-in combination lock makes a great portable security tool. The programmable 3-pin locking latch opens outward, allowing it to fit around handlebars or frame tubes up to 1 1/8" diameter, and is rubberized to prevent scratching. A fast, durable way to lock a helmet, jacket or bag to your motorcycle. Use with a lightweight coiled cable for securing multiple items together or as a lightweight anti-theft bike lock.

#1182 \$27.00



### HELMETLOK CABLE 2

Keep your stuff from walking away with this handy 3mm thick, PVC coated scratch resistant coiled cable. Expands to 70" in length to weave through helmets, riding suit/jackets, bags or anything else you want to prevent from growing legs. Looped ends designed to work with HelmetLok (#1182), or will accommodate your own padlock. Compact protection for big peace of mind.

#1594 \$8.00



### HELMET/JACKET LOCKSTRAP

Great for strapping helmet, jacket and other gear to your bike and ensuring it stays there. Locking carabiner means no keys to worry about. Full length steel braided cable runs through strap for added security. 2' long. Sold individually.

#4839 \$24.00



### HELMET HOLDERS

A practical solution to daily helmet storage. Once your helmet is resting on any of these holders, it's nearly impossible to knock it off—and ya feel a little like Batman cuz yer lid's always at the ready, not lying around anywhere. Each of these holders work with all helmet styles/types. Black.

#### STANDARD

Mounts easily. Steel with rubberized edges. 13"×2.75"×5.5", 1.5 lbs.

#2849 \$20.00

#### CURVE

Hangs/mounts on a door, cubicle wall, etc. Steel with rubberized edges. 10.25"×2.4"×5", 1.5 lbs.

#1499 \$20.00



#### HEAVY-DUTY

3/16" aluminum, mounts securely. 7.5"×5"×4.25", 2 lbs.

#1496 \$42.00



### HELMET SECURE

Attach this little Fort Knox of helmet holders to your bike's handlebars, or any other bar or downtube from 7/8" to 1 1/4" (with the included spacers), for a permanent helmet storage solution that looks as good as it is functional. Unit includes 15" of pre-coiled, coated steel cable that is always conveniently available to lock up your lid, jacket or any other gear. Installs easily with an included hex wrench. Includes two keys. Specify Black or Chrome. 4"×2"×1". 14.7 oz.

#5003 \$59.00



### BAR END HELMET HOOK

Eliminate the risk of your helmet falling to the ground. Unique 1/4" ABS plastic hook universally mounts permanently to the handlebar behind existing hand guards or bar end weights. Helmet hangs quickly and securely from the hook via strap or D-ring. Strategically placed holes allow for a small, long-shackled lock or cable to be used for added off-bike security. Also keeps a bag or other gear off the ground for hands-free pre-ride loading of your tank bag or panniers. Useful, convenient and there when you need it.

#1631 \$15.00



### RESCUE FACTS HELMET PACK

Essential medical information for EMTs secured in a rugged nylon wrap that firmly attaches to your helmet strap with hook & loop. A crucial method of communicating when you're not able to. Be prepared. Black. 3.5"×1.25" (folded).

#4669 \$10.00





### AEROstich VEEWIPE SQUEEGEE

You'll quickly become addicted to this faceshield squeegee. Made of a stretchy silicone material that easily conforms to the thumb or index finger of your left hand, VeeWipes make riding in the rain safer. Pack contains three sizes (one each) to fit all glove sizes and thicknesses. Trim with a scissors for a custom fit.

#1048 \$16.00



### ADJUSTABLE VISOR WIPE

Adjust the hook & loop strap for a perfect fit around any size glove digit. Align the non-scratch silicone rubber squeegee on a preferred finger or thumb and be ready to wipe away any rain that dares come your way. 1.5" x .25" squeegee, 5.75" x .75" strap. One wipe. Black.

#1361 \$12.00



### RAINCOAT LENS TREATMENT

A specially formulated hydrophobic (hates water) wax blend, designed to repel water and keep your helmet's face shield (...and all plastic optics) cleaner and clearer in wet conditions. Works a bit like 'Protectall', but this one has been optimized for optical rain repellency applications, similar to how glass-only 'Rain-X' works. 4 oz. spray formula for up to 150 applications. USA.

4oz. Spray Formula #1517 \$15.00



### SHIELD WIPES

Single use cleaner-impregnated moist towelettes safely clean bugs, dirt and road grime from windshields, glasses, faceshields and goggles. Pack of twelve wipes in a 2.25" x 3" pouch.

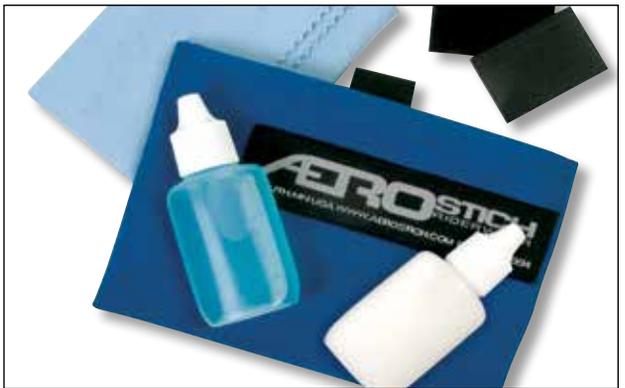
#1099 \$7.00



### MACK'S LENS WIPES

Pre-moistened, individually wrapped lens wipes for faceshields and eyewear. Anti-fog, anti-streak formula. Pack of six 8" x 5" single use towelettes.

#1494 \$3.00



### AEROstich VISOR CLEANING KIT

Even if the squeegee and cleaning solution at the gas station is so filthy it looks like hasn't been changed since the Reagan Administration, this kit leaves no room for excuses for riding with a dirt and bug splattered shield or goggles. The two little .5 oz bottles are a nice flat, oval shape so they pack flat in any pocket. These won't leak or spill like tiny pump sprays can, either. One's got a windshield cleaner, the other is "Protectall" (#4796), a fabulous all-purpose cleaner and polish. Also included are a microfiber cleaning cloth and a compact 3" x 5" Cordura carrying case. An indispensable shield cleaning kit that packs small enough carry along on every ride, ready for use at a moments notice. See clearly. No excuses.

#1051 \$25.00



### CYCLE WIPES

Effective, specially formulated wet wipes for cleaning bugs and grime from visors, shields and bikes. Convenient 12-count re-sealable travel pack stores easily in a pocket or tank bag. The ultra soft, lint-free mesh fabric pre-moistened towelettes are a durable, safe and ammonia free way to wipe helmets, visors and windscreens. They are also perfect for cleaning up your bug blasted headlights and turn signals. Pack of 12 wipes.

#4159 \$6.00



### RAINCOAT PRO

The ultimate hydrophobic coating for your plastic optics. Applies quickly, dries instantly and leaves a transparent coating on your plastic optics that sheds water and keeps your vision clear. Kit includes buffing cloth and 30 ml (1 fl. oz.) spray bottle to coat up to 50 helmet visors. Re-apply every few weeks to maintain best water-shedding performance.

#1127 \$19.00



### MICROFIBER CLOTH

Soft and absorbent microfiber fabric, optimized for cleaning glasses, cameras and optics. Reusable and washable. Blue. 6" x 6".

#1570 \$3.00



### FOG TECH PACKETS

Advanced anti-fog protection. These single use packets will be ready when you need them on a chilly morning or at a rainy gas stop. Five single use packets.

#1091 \$10.00



### AEROSTICH WATERWERKS KIT

For extended exposure in severe conditions. Includes repellent (two NikWax TX Direct Wash-In), one tube of Seam Grip Seam Sealer, syringe applicator and instructions for upgrading or extending the water repellency of breathable/waterproof fabrics, and improving Roadcrafter main zippers water resistance.

#1334 \$27.00



### NIKWAX TX DIRECT SPRAY-ON REPELLENT

Restores the durable water-repellent finish of all types of waterproof/breathable fabrics. Ideal for garments or single-wall tents and synthetic sleeping bag shells. Best when sprayed on damp material. 10 oz.

#1360 \$14.00



### NIKWAX LEATHER RESTORER

Rejuvenates the water repellency of tired, worn leather clothing and accessories and replaces water repellent finishes and conditions leather. Prolongs the life of leather gear. 10 oz.

#342 \$13.00



### AQUASEAL LEATHER CONDITIONER

Extremely viscous silicone with a proprietary blend of waxes and special oils that condition leather and keep it breathable.

#336 \$7.00



### CHELSEA LEATHER FOOD

Proper boot dubbin from England, where they know a thing or two about preserving leather in the face of damp weather and dank conditions. All natural. Specify black or natural.

#1346 \$17.00



### NIKWAX AQUEOUS WAX

High wax content leather conditioner. For increased efficiency, use it on wet leather. Buffs to a nice sheen, and can be used on oil or chrome-tanned leathers.

#1338 \$8.00



### TECTRON DWR BOOT PROTECTOR

Renews and enhances the water repellent coating of leather and synthetic footwear. Ideal for leather boots and shoes. 4.25 oz. Aerosol.

#1342 \$8.00



### PECARD MOTORCYCLE LEATHER PROTECTORS

When you ride in leathers your gear is semi-regularly exposed to broiling hot sun, desiccating dry air, cold rain and harsh weather so for long life and water repellency it should be periodically cared for with a quality leather dressing. Pecard Leather Lotion is the best one. It's based on a long-ago refined formula and is ideal for all for colored and black smooth leathers.

The boot version cleans, polishes, and restores suppleness and provides increased water resistance. It's also still made (since 1902!) in a small northern Wisconsin town by a family owned independent company that's been begun to manufacture leather dressings for logging boots, horse-drawn lumbering gear and related industrial equipment of a bygone era. Like all riders, early woodsmen needed to protect their expensive boots and leather gear and stay dry in cold, wet and often harsh environments.

Since then it has become a trusted favorite for several generations of motorcycle riders. The quality and performance of this dressing resulted in a great reputation: Lumbermen and hunters swore by it. Factory workers endorsed it, and Admiral Richard E. Byrd specifically chose the boot dressing to protect his crew and their gear on the first expedition to the South Pole!

Proven time and time again under even the most brutal conditions, this is a leather dressing you count on. It's available around the world in experienced cobbler's workshops, and here. Neutral colored formulated paste. Not for use on suede. Choose 4oz. Bottle. Or 6 oz. Tub.

Bottle (for jackets/pants) #1339 \$6.00  
Tub (for boots) #1628 \$8.00



### NIKWAX TX DIRECT WASH-IN REPELLENT

Wash-in re-waterproofing treatment for all breathable waterproof clothing. It saturates the stitching, fabric, and zippers making a noticeable difference. Hand or machine wash in. 10 oz.

#332 \$12.00



### NIKWAX TECH WASH

Non-detergent liquid soap specially formulated to protect the waterproof/breathable qualities of outdoor fabrics better than conventional liquid detergents. An excellent prep-wash for NikWax's Wash-In Waterproof. Biodegradable. 10 oz.

#333 \$10.00



### REVIVEX® SPRAY-ON WATER & STAIN REPELLENT

Safe, non-toxic treatment, developed by the Gore company, enhances and restores the water repellency and stain resistance of garments constructed using GORE-TEX® laminated fabric. 10 oz.

#1345 \$14.00



### UV TECH

Works like a sun-screen for fabrics. Reduces color fading and slows the damaging effects of long exposure to sunlight and atmospheric chemicals. Ideal for daily commuters, long distance riders, or those with red garments. One bottle will treat an Aerosstich suit. 12 oz.

#331 \$12.00



### NIKWAX LEATHER CLEANER

Cleans and revitalizes leather without oversoftening. Will not strip off the manufacturer's water repellency. Prolongs the life of gear and optimizes outdoor performance. Biodegradable, non-flammable, non-hazardous. 10 oz.

#343 \$13.00



### NIKWAX WOOL WASH

Increases your wool garments' natural wicking properties and removes dirt and odors. Works on fine Merino garments. Water-based, so it is gentle on the environment. 10oz.

#303 \$9.50



### AQUASEAL

Medium viscosity sealant and adhesive forms a tough, elastic waterproof seal. Permanently adheres to fabrics like neoprene, hypalon, vinyl, Cordura, and heavier leathers. Dries overnight. Urethane base. .75 oz.

#335 \$7.00



### SEAM GRIP

Wicks into and seals seams and zipper tapes. Dries in only a couple of hours. Ideal for permanently repairing tents and leathers. 1 oz. tube comes with a syringe applicator. Kit includes two 2" patches, brush applicator, and storage container. Urethane base.

#1 oz. Tube #362 \$8.00

### AEROSTICH CLEANING, INSPECTION AND WATER REPELLENT SERVICE

Complete washing, inspection, and water repellent service for your Roadcrafter or Darien. If repairs are needed you will be contacted with an estimate. Stain removal not guaranteed.

Suit (Jacket and Pants) #255 \$80.00

Jacket #256 \$50.00

Pants #257 \$40.00



## AEROSTICH DISPOSABLE EARPLUG SAMPLE KIT

Twelve different pairs of disposable earplugs let you find a perfect fit for maximum comfort. Selection includes the newest and best types: Howard Leight Max's, EAR Express Pod Plugs, Moldex Pura-Fits, and many more. Six are corded and six are uncorded.

#1100 \$12.00



## AEROSTICH REUSABLE EARPLUG SAMPLE KIT

Ten different pairs of reusable earplugs let you find a perfect fit for maximum comfort. Selection includes the newest and best types: Moldex Rockets, Moldex Jetz and many more. Seven are corded and three are uncorded.

#1200 \$28.00



### SILICONE EARPLUGS

After a long day of riding, inserting and removing foam earplugs can irritate your ears. These form-fitting earplugs are made of moldable silicone that fit very comfortably to the unique contours of any ear. They won't cause discomfort and are washable & reusable. Doctor recommended for hearing protection with a substantial noise reduction rating of 22 dB. Seals out water and helps prevent swimmer's ear. Snore proof. Shatterproof carrying case included. (2 pair).

#1285 \$4.00



### HEARPLUGZ-DF

Multi-functional dual filtered hearing protection, fitted with breathable, moisture resistant acoustical filters, and designed to help you hear critical sounds—including speech—while offering increased attenuation as noise levels rise. The removable secondary filter allows the flexibility of two levels of hearing protection (from 12dB to 22dB), plus the ability to hook up to a two-way radio communication system. The soft plugs are comfortable, easy to clean and store in a practical coin-purse style carrying case. Specify Small, Medium or Large. Orange.



#1211 \$30.00



### ETYMOTIC ER 20 EAR PLUGS

Unlike foam based earplugs, the Etymotic ER20's cut about 12dB, but leave your ability to hear radar detector chirps, gas station conversations, emergency sirens, etc...unhindered. They are sophisticated noise attenuators that use a patented internal acoustic dampening network to provide nearly uniform attenuation. The washable ready-fit eartips are very comfortable and the end cap is easy to grasp. Advanced technology hearing protection.

#1030 \$15.00

### MULTI-SIZE REUSABLE EAR PLUGS



These are the highest rated reusable earplug available (32 dB). Two sizes allow the perfect custom fit. Fitting well in the ear and blocking all frequencies makes these an ideal choice for helmet wear. Clear silicone flanges for easy insertion and removal. Includes one pair of each size: Small and Average, each with protective container.

#1102 \$20.00

### MOLDEX ROCKETS

These reusable earplugs are designed for comfort and noise reduction. Each set includes a protective container. 3 pack, 26 dB.

Uncorded #1240 \$8.00  
Corded #1242 \$12.00



### DISPOSABLE MAX TAPERED

Comfortable, form-fitting, expanding foam. 33 dB.

5 Pair #1274 \$3.00  
25 Pair #1276 \$10.00  
5 Pair Corded #1284 \$5.00  
25 Pair Corded #1286 \$18.00

**WARNING!** Some of these devices block out ambient sounds important for safe riding. Do not use where other road users may be present. Some of these devices may not be legal for road use in your area. Check local laws before using. If in doubt about safe usage, do not use.



### AEROSTICH EARPLUG PROTECTOR CASE

Keep earspeakers and cords safely tucked away in this convenient holder. Opens and shuts like an old-school coin purse. Soft, durable plastic. 2.5"×1.4".

#4410 \$4.00



### MACHINED ALUMINUM EARPLUG CONTAINER

Nicely machined anodized alloy. Perfect for earplugs, matches, or anything you need to keep dry and protected. O-ring seal. Good value. 2.5"×1".

#1476 \$14.00



### AEROSTICH ENVELOPE BAG

Stop fishing for lost earplugs. This coated nylon envelope fits comfortably flat inside any jacket pocket. Hold 4 or more earplugs. Hook & loop closure. 3.5"×2.5".

#738 \$11.00

# The World's Coolest Ride

by Mr. Subjective

Ever been miserable? Ever been wet, cold and had to hide under a bridge?

Better to be fast and nimble, and ride farther away looking cool and feeling cool. Showing to yourself (and others) your skill, able-ness and strength...to be of service. As great as that demonstration is, it's even nicer to ride regularly within the fabric of your everyday life, and to efficiently move back and forth to work or school, in-and-out of parking spaces and traffic.

It is tougher to fit a motorcycling into your everyday routines than it to head out for a relaxing spin on a nice warm evening, or take the weekend off for a moto sports event, or a week to attend a rally, or a month to reach a bucket-listed destination, or a year (or longer) to ride around the world.

There's a bunch of benefits to riding for daily a-to-b mobility, but occasionally you'll feel or look a uncool, no matter what you are wearing or how neat your particular bike is. Café style? Artful chopper? Bad-ass Hog? Brave Adventurer GS? Bad-boy stunter? Fastest-on-the-street Busa? Luxe-dresser/bagger/ Wing? Dirty bike hooligan? Whatever. Everyone else in traffic around you has gone to the default: Their cars. Safe, comfortable, practical and easy. And they can't help but profile you.

Maybe they're bored and make up a story simply to pass time (...because driving is boring). And it's always a story about you, not the bike: Bad-ass with a too-small you-know-what. Too short. Too fat. Too dumb. Narcissistic past expiration date. Emotionally damaged. Too much testosterone. Abused. Again, whatever...Biased attitudes, all.

Or perhaps you are lucky. Someone raised within a supportive, clean-cut, well-adjusted, healthy multi-generational motorcycling family, right out of one of those nice Honda ads for dual-purpose motorcycles? None of this matters. Get off any bike and walk into any store or workplace with gratitude, your sense of humor and a little humility.

- Ride there because it made you feel better, clearer and sharper in ways science can't yet fully explain.
- Ride because it's a real virtue to move across the infrastructure via only a few hundred pounds of processed resources, rather than a few thousand pounds.
- Ride because we were made to be risk-managers, and because successful accomplishment of that makes us better.
- Ride because it's fun.

Ray Blank, the recently-retired VP of American Honda's motorcycle division, a daily rider and multi-Aerostich suit owner wrote us: *"Frankly speaking, an average sized guy in Roadcrafter looks like a doof. We (the collective mc illuminati) transcend this and, with a snap of the secret handshake, make it cool. But only amongst us...(You cannot) sell Aerostich main line products without PUTTING them in vogue. You have to do something like it. You can't depend on us users. Its too damn slow."*

You are all we have. How-to tips:

1. Wardrobe of wide-range of gear conveniently placed.
2. Easy in-out garage, driveway, etc.
3. Multiple ways to carry stuff.
4. Attitude, attitude, attitude.

Developing fluency is fun, and fluency only comes with frequency. These days many don't feel like they need to drive (or ride) at all. Everything one needs to know is .002 seconds away on the web, so why study or practice anything? Because acquiring real-world skills feels good. Because it's right. Getting better scores on a video game or working through a crossword is no different than learning to weld well, frame a wall strong and straight, clean dirty dishes in a sink right, solve technological or intellectually complicated riddles, or ride a motorcycle competently.

At the end of the day we all need good walls, welds and the ability to get ourselves from A to B quickly and efficiently. Not to mention having nice clean dishes.

# Season of the Bike

by Dave Karlotski

There is cold, and there is cold on a motorcycle. Cold on a motorcycle is like being beaten with coldhammers while being kicked with cold boots, a bone bruising cold. The wind's big hands squeeze the heat out of my body and whisk it away; caught in a cold October rain, the drops don't even feel like water. They feel like shards of bone fallen from the skies of Hell to pock my face. I expect to arrive with my cheeks and forehead streaked with blood, but that's just an illusion, just the misery of nerves not designed for highway speeds.

Despite this, it's hard to give up my motorcycle in the fall and I rush to get it on the road again in the spring; lapses of sanity like this are common among motorcyclists. When you let a motorcycle into your life you're changed forever. The letters "MC" are stamped on your driver's license right next to your sex and height as if "motorcycle" was just another of your physical characteristics, or maybe a mental condition.

But when warm weather finally does come around all those cold snaps and rainstorms are paid in full because a motorcycle summer is worth any price. A motorcycle is not just a two-wheeled car; the difference between driving a car and climbing onto a motorcycle is the difference between watching TV and actually living your life. We spend all our time sealed in boxes and cars are just the rolling boxes that shuffle us languidly from home-box to work-box to store-box and back, the whole time entombed in stale air, temperature regulated, sound insulated, and smelling of carpets.

On a motorcycle I know I'm alive. When I ride, even the familiar seems strange and glorious. The air has weight and substance as I push through it and its touch is as intimate as water to a swimmer. I feel the cool wells of air that pool under trees and the warm spokes of sunlight that fall through them. I can see everything in a sweeping 360 degrees, up, down and around, wider than PanaVision and higher than IMAX and unrestricted by ceiling or dashboard.

Sometimes I even hear music. It's like hearing phantom telephones in the shower or false doorbells when vacuuming; the pattern-loving brain, seeking signals in the noise, raises acoustic ghosts out of the wind's roar. But on a motorcycle I hear whole songs: rock 'n roll, dark orchestras, women's voices, all hidden in the air and released by speed.

At 30 miles an hour and up, smells become uncannily vivid. All the individual tree-smells and flower-smells and grass-smells flit by like chemical notes in a great plant symphony. Sometimes the smells evoke memories so strongly that it's as though the past hangs invisible in the air around me, wanting only the most casual of rumbling time machines to unlock it. A ride on a summer afternoon can border on the rapturous. The sheer volume and variety of stimuli is like a bath for my nervous system, an electrical massage for my brain, a systems check for my soul. It tears smiles out of me: a minute ago I was dour, depressed, apathetic, numb, but now, on two wheels, big, ragged, windy smiles flap against the side of my face, billowing out of me like air from a decompressing plane. Transportation is only a secondary function. A motorcycle is a joy machine. It's a machine of wonders, a metal bird, a motorized prosthetic. It's light and dark and shiny and dirty and warm and cold lapping over each other; it's a conduit of grace, it's a catalyst for bonding the gritty and the holy.

I still think of myself as a motorcycle amateur, but by now I've had a handful of bikes over a half dozen years and slept under my share of bridges. I wouldn't trade one second of either the good times or the misery. Learning to ride was one of the best things I've done.

Cars lie to us and tell us we're safe, powerful, and in control. The air-conditioning fans murmur empty assurances and whisper, "Sleep, sleep." Motorcycles tell us a more useful truth: we are small and exposed, and probably moving too fast for our own good, but that's no reason not to enjoy every minute of the ride.