

In 1989 Aerostich pioneered an all-new kind of neckwear. Cycle World evaluated one of these newfangled Aerostich 'Wind Triangles' in 1990.

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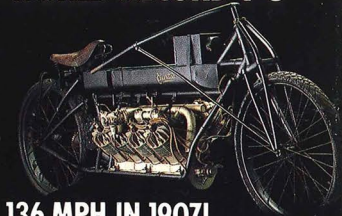
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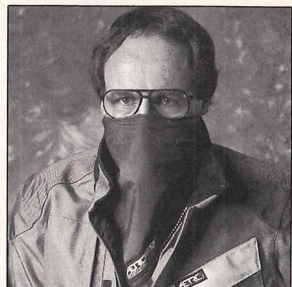
EVERY MOTORCYCLE RIDER SOON learns to appreciate a bandana. Though not designed specifically for motorcycle use, the ubiquitous bandana is one of the cheapest and most useful riding accessories. Folded into a triangle shape and then knotted behind the rider's neck, a bandana pads the neck from jacket abrasion and wards off drafts. Additionally, it can be pulled up over the rider's chin and nose when the weather turns cooler.

But, as useful as a bandana is, it's not without drawbacks. The knot that secures it can be an uncomfortable lump, and the wind can sometimes untie it. And in extremely foul weather, the thin bandana just isn't very effective at defending against cold and wet.

Aerostich, the company that makes those Gore-tex/Cordura riding suits (8 South 18th Avenue West, Duluth, MN 55806; 800/222-1994), has come up with a better motorcycle bandana. Called a Wind Triangle,



this piece of Gore-tex-backed nylon, about the size of a folded bandana, features a velcro closure and a choice of two backings: The basic \$14 Wind Triangle is backed with fleece, the \$25 unit uses suede. Both are warmer and more comfortable than a regular bandana, and they repel wind and water better, too. There's no knot to



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annoy, with the velcro adjustment allowing for a wide range of neck sizes. The wind doesn't loosen the Triangle, it looks nicer than a bandana and it stores almost as compactly.

Aerostich's Wind Triangle does have one glitch: It's only available in one color, royal blue. But, what the heck, nothing is perfect. □