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## The dry look

Aerostitch Riderwear has released details of the Ortlieb Hip Pack 2.

Beyond this bag's comfortable and versatile design is a unique waterproof roll-top closure that keeps a rider's contents dry, even through the wettest of rides. There's a wide adjustable waist belt with built-in ventilation and back padding, a zippered neoprene outer pocket, two mesh water bottle pockets and a dry and secure roll-top closure system. Compression straps keep the load secure.

Even after riding through hours of soaking rains (or a memorably graceful forward dismount at a trail's unexpectedly deep river crossing), all of your food/maps/wallet/stuff will be totally dry and perfectly protected.

The super-rugged construction, distinctive design and superior PVC-free materials make this bag an indispensable part of your travel kit.

The Ortlieb Hip Pack 2 measures 9"x11"x2.8" (305 cu in), 17.3 oz and is available in Green/Gray or Slate/Gray.

For more information please visit [www.aerostitch.com](http://www.aerostitch.com).



## Strong statement

Blundstone, the famous Australian boot maker is hoping to catch the eyes and wallets of motorcyclists with the new Rigger line of boots. Available in brown and black leather, the Rigger harkens back to the day of lineman's boots sported by riders to combat vibration and protect from tailpipe burns on the calf.

In the business since 1870, Blundstone is well known for its durable "no laces, no problem" ankle boots with pull tabs and elastic sides. This is the company's first foray into a taller boot but it incorporates many of the features that have made the original boot so popular.

The injection-molded grip sole with its patented shock protection system reduces impact strike by 33 percent and is surprisingly flexible, providing all day comfort on and off the bike.

The waterproof dual-density polyurethane soles are also oil and acid resistant



for worry-free mucking about in the garage. Removable insoles wick away moisture on hot days and keep the rider warm on the cold ones. Weather sealed 2.5mm premium leather uppers are supple and comfortable from the first time you tug them on.

Blundstone boots are noted for their durability, and the company has recently relocated its down-under manufacturing to Southeast Asia, resulting in some online chatter concerning sole quality. No significant wear was recorded in the few months the boots were tested here at Inside Motorcycles but other styles may be more susceptible to these problems.

While not a true motorcycle boot - no hard protection and loose fit - the Rigger still provides old-school protection and comfort while riding and is low-key stylish off the bike without the usual sport-boot flash.

A note about the size: Blundstones are sized for comfort, not sleekness. An in-store fitting is advised rather than an online purchase. As well, the Rigger's upper is quite large rather than calf-hugging; straight-leg jeans may have to be tucked in.

For retailer locations and to find out more about Blundstone boots, visit [www.blundstone.ca](http://www.blundstone.ca).

*Reviewed by Hobie Post*

## Performance at your fingertips

To honour the success of the Diablo family of performance tires and its renewed role as Official Tire Supplier to the Superbike World Championship, Pirelli has released the Diablo Super Biker iPhone App via the Apple App Store and iTunes.

Riders can measure their riding performance and discover everything from lean angle to corner speed without having to buy or mount expensive equipment on their bike. The new app is free and full of useful functions to get the most out of the GPS tracking technology of Apple's iPhone 4 for immediate feedback on rides.

It's like having a transponder and GPS tracking device right in the palm of the rider's hand. They can run bike or tire tests with this user-friendly statistical data tool for comparing results, visualize favourite or best lap in the circuit or recent road ride, then easily upload and share them on Facebook, directly from the app.

The app includes a choice between road or track mode, bike telemetry data recording, lean angle measured using GPS tracking technology, the ability to measure speed, distance and lap time during track sessions, the ability to display recorded sessions via Google Maps and share rides via Facebook.

The Diablo Super Biker app is currently compatible with iPhone 4 and requires iOS 4.2 or later. It is now available on Apple's App Store in five languages: English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

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