

Something To Wear Everywhere!

By Tom Hall

Having traveled many miles around the world in my lifetime I have always worn long-sleeved cotton shirts or polo shirts and jeans or khakis on air flights and hotels. Now, these clothes are fine but some wrinkle and lose their shape (unless you have no-wrinkle products) and they don't work too well under my riding outfits.

One of my friends (**Dick Gale**) that I ride with wears a bright red Aerostich Roadcrafter one-piece suit and when we stop for lunch or other explorations he removes the suit and has on a t-shirt and some light pants that have zip off lower legs. He also wears these clothes in the hotels and on the plane. I have admired this for many years, especially when it's hot. Recently, I was looking through the latest Aerostich catalog and happened to notice the page with Microfiber and Supplex clothing and this 'little bell' went off in my head to remind me of my friend's outfit.

With great concentration, I read all the copy (twice) to find out what I would like to have that would work with my travels and under the riding suit(s) I choose to ride in. All the products looked great, so my choice was difficult. I finally chose the Supplex zip-off pants (#1862) and Supplex travel shirt (#1860).

I chose the pants because the copy stated, "...the pants were more versatile and lighter than your jeans...they'll wear more comfortably, too...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 you 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 Velcro pockets."

Of course, my other choice was the Supplex travel shirt. The copy was equally good and stated, "... 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... it's extra high, flip-up collar protects your neck and rubber buttons won't scratch anything. One chest pocket and one 'Napoleon' pocket."

As I said earlier, all the products looked good, so this would be a personal choice of the buyer to select

what would work for his or her style. Having made my choices I sent the order off to Aerostich and received the package in about a week. I opened it and tried on the shirt and pants. They fit like they were custom made for me. I put my leather pants and riding pants over the Supplex pants and it was a perfect fit. They looked a bit wrinkled, but when wearing them around they didn't look wrinkled at all. You can wash them in a sink at night and they will be dry in the morning. They also provide great UPF protection and will last a long, long time.

I can't wait to use the shirt and pants on my next out of the country or long ride.

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