

## Suit Up!

### *Bohn Bodyguard Adventure System*

**W**HEN IT COMES TO RIDING GEAR, EVERYONE HAS AN opinion on what's best. Even nonriders feel they should toss their hat in the ring. One of my favorite comments is "Aren't you hot riding in a helmet and jacket?" Granted, I'll usually hear this on a particularly warm day, but seriously? Or how about that "cool" fellow rider who wears a do-nothing novelty helmet, or goes with no gear at all. To them I say this: find an empty parking lot with plenty of room, run as fast as you can, and dive headfirst onto the asphalt. Now imagine how that fall might feel at highway speeds. Get the point?

Don't get me wrong. Being comfortable while riding and not overheating on hot days is very important. So, finding the right gear is a crucial part of the motorcycling experience. Bohn Body Armor offers a Bodyguard System that hits the mark.

This system is comprised of a two-part armored shirt and armored pants. It's available in three riding season options: All-Season Adventure, good for—obviously—all-season riding; Cool-Air Mesh, for extremely hot conditions; and Performance-Thermal, insulated for cold-weather riding. I requested the All-Season option, since I tend to ride in various conditions. Yes, even on particularly warm days.

The All-Season Airtex Shirt is constructed with a ventilated mesh core, and the arms are stretchy, lightweight, lycra material, similar

to spandex. Removable CE-approved armor covers the major impact points, forearms, elbows, and shoulders. There's also a removable ventilated back pad.

The All-Season Armored Pants (\$159) use the same lightweight Lycra material as the arms of the shirt. With several removable, CE-approved armor options, hips, thighs, knees, shins, and tailbone are all comfortably protected.

This system was designed to have a snug but comfortable fit that keeps the protective armor from moving around, protecting those key points on the body. By using a sizing chart at BohnArmor.com, I was able to choose this proper fit for both the shirt and pants.

As a tight-fitting suit, this gear goes undetected and fits comfortably under most shirts, pants, or jackets. And its breathable, lightweight material causes no unwanted temperature spikes. So, it looks and feels "cool."

The Airtex Armored Shirt is available in several high-visibility colors and can also be worn as an outer layer. The pants are available in black. It's a skin-tight fit, which leaves little to the imagination, so I'd suggest wearing them under a pair of riding pants. Unless, of course, you're fishing for more unwanted comments, then by all means. **AIM**



Top: The shirt armor consists of five pieces. Above: The pant armor is comprised of seven parts. Right and center: Matt braves the camera lens to show us the product. Far right: Zippers on the shins help keep the fit snug.



#### SOURCES

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