

PRODUCT REVIEW BY CHRIS MAIDA

GATORZ WRAPTOR

Precision eyewear for high-speed riding



NEVER LET IT BE SAID THAT WHEN THE AMERICAN Iron guys screw up, we don't try to make it right — even if it's two years later! Case in point is my Gatorz Wraaptor review in the December 2004 issue. It seems I didn't have a pair of Wraaptors on my face during that test. Those were actually the Stealth model. I discovered my error several months ago during a conversation with the Gatorz rep at Daytona Bike Week 2006. I was telling him that though the Wraaptor (in reality the Stealth) offered better protection than my Gatorz Radiator, enough wind was still able to get in when I was cruising at over 90 mph to make my eyelids twitch all over the place. He said, "No way" and took a pair off the rack to fit them to me. That's when we realized the mistake, so info was swapped and a Wraaptor in my favorite colors (black frame with grey lenses for \$139) arrived at the American Iron offices a couple of weeks later. (The Wraaptor is also available with a polished frame for \$149.)

Just like the Radiator and Stealth, the Wraaptor is made of billet aluminum, so you can bend the frame to fit your face perfectly. Equally important to me, since my nose has been broken a few times, are the adjustable nose supports, which allow me to get the glasses to sit on my face straight even though my nose is not. The difference between the models is the lenses, which, as you can see, drop down just where I need that extra coverage, right on the inside lower corners. And after extensive testing, I can say that this lens modification is why the Wraaptor does a great job of keeping out wind at high speed. AIM

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