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BUELL “X” WATERPROOF GAUNTLET GLOVE

Putting the Xtreme in gloves

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WEAR GLOVES FOR PROTECTION. THE type of glove determines the type of protection I’m looking for, and motorcycle gloves are no different. So, as soon as I got my hands in a pair of Buell X Gauntlet Gloves (#99431-06BX/MSRP \$75), I knew I had a winner since they provide several types of protection all in one good-looking package.



To start with, these black gloves are made from a thick-but-subtle combination of leather and nylon, which offers protection from abrasion. The fingers are pre-curved, and an elastic cuff provides a comfortable, snug fit. In addition, the knuckles are covered with a polycarbonate shell. Gel padding is present in key locations on the gloves, which is especially nice in the palms because it helps reduce vibra-

tion. The backs of the palms feature a stretch area, which improves flexibility and comfort.

Reflective piping and material are strategically placed around each glove to increase the rider’s visibility on the road. Even the Buell graphic on the wrist closures is reflective.

My favorite feature is a GORE-TEX waterproof, breathable liner.

Unlike other waterproof gloves I’ve had, these don’t come undone, nor do they feel like a glove within a glove. The adjustable gauntlet cuff also aids in keeping out the elements.

The Buell X gloves are available from small to 3XL. My XL gloves were snug at first, making me think I should have gone up a size, but I’ve since broken in the gloves, and they’ve stretched nicely. So, let’s see: Gloves that provide abrasion protection, keep my hands dry, and increase my visibility. What more can I ask for? AIM

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