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SHOPPING TIPS



Rule #1

Always judge proper fit on a motorcycle or in riding position

Rule #2

If it's too comfortable it's probably too big

Rule #3

Try on everything until you find the right shape/fit

Rule #4

Fit then budget

Rule #5

Leather should start out snug so it can stretch and break in

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Boots

Gain more traction, stability and confidence, especially if you're vertically challenged

Provide shock absorption and keep your foot from being crushed

They should be designed to stay on your feet at all times

Sport touring boots offer added comfort on and off the bike

Look for armor at the impact points (ankles, toes, heels, shins, outside of the foot)

Jackets

Close all the zippers, snaps and buttons shut. Try on the jacket as if you're about to go for a ride

Take out the liner(s) and try it on with other layers. Choose the size in which you'll wear the jacket the most

Look for precurved arms, a little extra room across the back of the shoulders and less room across the front of the chest

Look for shoulder, elbow and back protection

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Pants

Zippers that start at the ankle and go PAST the knee are overpants and are meant to be worn over your street clothes

Sealed zippers and velcro over the pockets indicate a waterproof, winter pant

Pants should be a little long when standing so that they'll fit properly in riding position

Sit on the bike to check how much length you really need

Look for knee and hip protection

Gloves

Form the letter "C" with your fingers and then check fit

If you can feel the seams when you wrap your hand around a handgrip, that's a good fit

If your fingertips are pushing up against the seams while wrapped around a handgrip, then they're too small

Wrist protection protects your wrist bone

Look for wrist protection, knuckle armor, reinforced and double stitched palms