

# Fool's Gear

# Cool Gear

**HEAD.** Considered precious by sensible people; *never* exposed by the pros. When fully in view, allows immediate identification of unsafe person not using his or hers. Hand out rider education info on sight.

**HELMET.** Most important piece of protective gear a rider can use. Protects against head injury, windblast, cold, and flying objects. Full-face helmet recommended.

**EYES, EARS AND FACE.** Exposure leads to irritated eyes, noise-deafening windblast, and distracting impacts from bugs and road debris.

**FACESHIELD.** "Saves face." Any rider who's been hit in the face by stones, insects, or debris can tell you the benefits.

**HANDS.** *Au naturel* (not for long). Known to lock into curled position when exposed to cold; not genetically evolved to withstand abrasion.

**GLOVES.** Keep hands comfortable, functional, and protected. There's an infinite variety for all seasons.

**BARE LIMBS.** A phenomenon seen only in riders who think it's other people who crash. Subject to ridicule in riding circles.

**JACKET AND PANTS.** Long sleeves and sturdy trousers resist abrasion and protect against sunburn, dehydration, or hypothermia. Some riders wear padded gear with "body armor" for more protection. Light colors in the daytime and reflectivity at night make it easier for car drivers to see you.

**FLIP FLOPS.** Terminology for what sandals, toes and feet do upon contact with road surfaces, shift lever, brake pedal, or footrests.

**BOOTS.** Provide protection against foot and ankle injuries and give you a good grip on footrests or road surfaces.

**BOTTOM LINE.** Fool's gear identifies an unaware rider. Learn how to avoid embarrassment, ridicule and injury, while gaining valuable skills and knowledge by completing an MSF *RiderCourse*<sup>SM</sup>.

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**The more you know, the better it gets.**