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Gloves



Motorcycle Rider's Glove Buying Guide

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GOAL OF THIS GUIDE: INTRODUCTION

It doesn't matter if you're an old hand at motorcycling, or if you've just bought your first bike. There are hundreds of brands and styles of motorcycle gloves to choose from.

Having so many choices can be confusing!

In this guide, we'll answer the following questions:

- What to look for in a motorcycle glove?
- Which features protect from injury, weather and hand fatigue?
- What's the difference between a glove for, and one that costs twice as much?
- Which design features and materials are "must have's" for your style of riding, and which are simply cosmetic?

Are you a touring rider?

Do you ride the trails as an adventure rider?

Are you an sport rider, pushing your skills to the limit?

Regardless of your preferred style of riding, this guide is designed to help you make an informed choice. No hype. Just honest talk about motorcycle gloves.

Read on, and happy riding!

THE BASICS: WHY MOTORCYCLE GLOVES?

Some riders ask us:
Do I really need motorcycle gloves?

The answer is yes, you do.

Hands are vulnerable while riding. A good motorcycle glove will ensure:

- **Protection from road rash ... or worse**
Accidents do happen. Most new riders experience an accident within their first 3 months of riding. Your natural instinct is to throw your hands out in front of you to protect yourself in a fall. The right gloves provide skin protection and prevent abrasion injuries on the palms and fingers.
- **Protection from weather**
Sun, wind, rain, cold and hail ... Mother Nature is unpredictable during a ride, and underpasses can be few and far between. But if you have the right gloves and gear for the elements, life hardly gets any sweeter than that.
- **Protection on the road, trails and track**
When following a truck or other type of vehicle, small rocks, retread from tires, nuts, bolts and a limitless variety of road hazards get thrown at you. On the trails and on the track, well-placed padding on your hands makes all the difference.
- **Relief from hand fatigue**
Some gloves incorporate gel, padding, curved fingers and other features for comfort around the grips. With these features, hand fatigue and numbness can virtually be eliminated during your ride.
- **Improved control**
Great TACTILE SENSATION for the throttle and other hand controls are a must. Some motorcycle gloves have strategically textured palms and fingers, for improved grip and control.

HOW TO CHOOSE? THREE KEY FACTORS:

Selecting a glove is a personal choice. Everyone's budget -- and need for comfort, style, and safety while riding -- is a little different.

Make sure to choose a glove with the features you need for the type of riding you do, and the protection you need to keep hands safe.

At it's most basic level, there are three basic considerations: **Budget**, **Weather Conditions**, and **Personal Factors**.

Budget:

Gloves can cost 15 ... or 300! Value is in the eye – or the hand – of the beholder. Like anything, it boils down to the combination of workmanship, materials, and features that are right for YOU.

Premium features like more insulation, breathable liners, or more armor come with a price tag. And, if the gloves are sporting a fancy brand name, you will pay for that too. The same quality glove can cost 20-30 more for the brand name.

Once you determine what's most important to you, there will certainly be a glove that fits both that and your budget.

How much should gloves cost? You'll find lots of choices at all price points.

For instance, all-season gloves in the 30-75 range can range from a very comfortable all-around glove that is reflective, has gel, and leather palms (around 30) to a rugged all-season glove that is made from leather and Gore-tex inserts (around 75).

A more specific, highly functional glove, will obviously cost more.

Workmanship and Materials:

The right workmanship and materials can make gloves fit better, and last longer, than others. Take a look at the seams, try them on. Quality gloves feel better on the hand.

Notice details like:

- Fingers that are angled like your hand where they join the palm
- External seams that are less irritating
- Slip proof inserts that won't bunch, shift or move around in the glove.

Features:

Two gloves can look the same, but perform completely differently.

For instance, does a glove that is marked "waterproof" also allow your hands to breathe, or will your hands sweat like crazy?

Premium materials like weatherproofing might not always be visible, but will add to the cost -- and performance -- of the glove.

(See Appendix for some of the most commonly used features and materials)

Your Budget: Bottom line

For under 50.00, you can get a quality, well fitting glove that provides both protection and comfort while riding.

Set a budget that makes sense for you ... and don't cut corners when it comes to features that enhance safety or comfort.

If you decide to pay more for styling or brand name, that's up to you.



WEATHER

Cold-Weather/Winter Motorcycle Gloves:

- You need warm hands to operate the hand controls and stay comfortable: If you continue to ride in the colder months, it's worth investing in a good cold weather motorcycle glove.
- Look for advanced insulated layers to keep your hands warm
- Special features such as windproofing and waterproofing, provide protection from cold, wind and rain.
- Cold weather gloves should protect you in frigid temps ranging from the low 20s to about 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

All-Weather Motorcycle Gloves:

- All-weather motorcycle gloves should provide all around protection from the elements (wind, rain and cold).
- They'll keep you reasonably comfortable from roughly 35 degrees Fahrenheit to around 60 degrees, without a lot of bulk between you and the handlebars.
- All weather gloves are usually designed to provide warm, breathable yet wicking layered materials to help keep hands dry from both perspiration and precipitation.

Summer Motorcycle Gloves:

- Summer motorcycle gloves are specially constructed to keep your hands cool and protected on summer rides above 65 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Summer features like special vents, mesh, fingerless construction, special textiles for added ventilation to the palm, fingers and the back of your hand, and absorbent materials to wick away sweat.
- In addition to these features, the summer glove should be protective, and provide freedom of motion and tactile feel for the controls.
- A fingerless glove offers a classic way to stay cool and protected at the same time. Comfort and safety features can include perforated leather for ventilation, gel palms, armored knuckles, and more.

Personal Requirements:

Do you suffer from vibration? Do you ride on rough terrain? Ride at night?

Here's a summary of special features you might look for, depending on your personal requirements

PROBLEM	SOLUTION	FEATURES TO LOOK FOR:
Fatigue	Flexible materials, padding	Gel pads and extra foam padding on palms.
Cold	Insulation, or added warmth, add a liner layer	Double insulation on fingertips, water proof inserts, Thinsulate materials, hydrofil linings, extra insulation on backs of hand, heated gloves/grips, gauntlets.
Rain, sleet	Waterproofing layer	Gore-tex, Aqua-tex, Dri-lock, depending on your need for breathability, built in goggle wipers.
Heat	Ventilation, Fingerless styles	Nylon mesh, perforated leather, Stretch Nylon fingers, special venting.
Wind	Wind barriers	Wind-stopper, Wind-Tex, Gore-Tex, Aquatex.
Sweat	Fabrics that "breathe", wick moisture and other "airflow" features	Vents, mesh fabrics, materials that "breathe" like Gore-tex, perforated leather, and neoprene.
Vibration	Silicone Gel padding	Gel palms.
Aggressive Riding Conditions, Exposure to road hazards	Armor and other protective features	Hard Kevlar or carbon fiber knuckles, molded soft knuckle protection, skid pads on palms, padding in vulnerable hand areas, Kevlar thread, wrist straps.
Comfort	Padding, comfortable exterior and lining materials, construction that moves with your hand	Soft leathers, soft/stretchy fabrics, gel, extra padding in specific areas, external seams, easy on/off, adjustable wrist straps, box finger construction, seamless palms, elasticized cuffs
Control	Textured gripping materials, strategically placed	Textured palms and fingers, for improved grip and control.
Durability	Rugged construction, durable materials	Leather, tough fabrics like Cordura, double stitched and reinforced seams, use of heavy weight thread
Dusk or Night Riding	reflective features	High visibility fabrics, LED lighting
Access to Electronics	Built in "Touch" features that allow riders to use electronics easily	Gloves with touchscreen and /or Bluetooth capabilities, depending on your needs.

PROTECT YOUR HANDS! SAFETY FEATURES

What special safety features do you require? Some people say this depends on your style of riding. We have a different view!

After all, you can get injured on the road just as easily as on the track ... and you can get the same scrapes as a new rider, as you can with 40 years on the bike! Track racing or cruising, beginning rider or experienced, hands need protection. Here are some important safety features that you might look for based on your type of bike/riding.

Touring/Cruising Riders, look for:

- Gel in the palms to protect from vibration.
- Padding on the back side of each of your fingers and palms; this will protect you in a slide.
- Seasonal features, depending on the conditions you ride in most – ventilation and insulation.
- Gripping textures for better throttle and hand control.
- Reflective materials, to be more visible at night or in foul weather
- Soft materials to protect against skin agitation during high mileage rides.

Adventure/Dual Sport Riders, look for:

- Hard protection in knuckles, wrists, and forearms.
- More rugged features like venting, finger protection, and thumb protection.
- Textured materials on the palms and fingers to provide a grip on the throttle and other hand controls.
- Sweat wiper.
- Floating finger panels or flexible foam padding around knuckles and joints, for greater dexterity.
- Reinforced thumbs, forefingers and heels

Extreme Road/Sport Riders, look for:

- Hand/body armor protection from accidents and road contact.
- Sport riders should look for the best stiff armor your money can buy.



Safety Component Checklist:

- knuckle protection
- Added protection in key impact/skid areas
- padded and covered fingers, hand and palm
- fabric: cut, abrasion, and puncture resistance
- hi viz: to be easily seen 24/7

PROPER FIT

It's important to wear motorcycle gloves that fit well.

Ill-fitting gloves are not only uncomfortable, but also a safety hazard because they can cause your hands to become fatigued more quickly. They can also cause cramping of the hand, and numbness that can get in the way of a quick hand response.

How to measure/fit gloves?

Every brand of gloves fit differently. It's important to try them on, to see which brand and style feels best on your hands.

There are some general rules of thumb (no pun intended!):

American Fit vs. European Fit:

As a general rule, "American fit" gloves run a little bigger, and fit North American hands better, than leaner cut, smaller, imported European gloves.

If you are ordering gloves on line, is important to check the manufacturer's size charts, and measure your own hands, as instructed.

Leather vs. Fabric Fit:

New leather gloves should fit on the snug side, as they will stretch to fit your hands as they get "broken in." As a general rule, the softer the leather, the less time it takes to break in.

Textile (fabric) gloves don't need to be broken in, which means their initial fit will not change.

Women's Glove Fit:

Women's hands are not simply a smaller version of men's hands; women need protection from the elements, plus a special fit that takes into account their unique proportions and properties.

For instance, since women wear more rings, there are women's gloves that accommodate that. More women are riding now than ever before, but it can still be hard to find good, fully featured women's gloves that fit.

Look for women's gloves that have the features and fit you want.



Glove Fit Checklist:

- No bunching in the finger tips or tightness at the knuckles.
- Should fit well from the 1st day you wear them. Not too tight, not too loose
- Good dexterity and fine motor control ... the gloves cannot be clumsy!

GLOVE DURABILITY and CARE

How long should motorcycle gloves last? It really depends on the rider. Motorcycle gloves are not like a tire that you can reliably ride on for 20K miles. Some riders change their gloves every year, while others clock 40K miles with a single pair of gloves, and they're still going strong. Also, some gloves take more abuse than others (sport riders, we're looking at you!). As a general rule:

- The glove palm and the clutch fingers gets more wear, so look for gloves with more durable fabrics or leathers, reinforced seams, and stronger threads in those spots.
- Leather, especially higher-end, glove grade leather, should hold up better, but it completely depends on use. As a general rule, look for cowhide, deer-skin, goat, kangaroo and pigskin, which all have durable properties.
- There's no such thing as normal "wear and tear." You might expect 300 gloves to last longer – but they won't, necessarily!

At the end of the day, only you can be the judge of whether your gloves hold up to your type of riding as expected.

We routinely get letters from riders who have used the same pair of Olympia gloves for years without wearing them out. As they say, your mileage may vary!

Cleaning Instructions:

We wear our gloves a lot ... sometimes daily. We sweat, and they are subject to road grime or dirt from the trails. Taking care of your gloves can keep them looking good and lasting longer.

When it comes to motorcycle gloves, it's best not to machine wash them. That's because of the variety of materials and layered construction -- not all of those interior layers, and technical fabrics, can be cleaned in the same way.

Leather Glove Care:

- Hand wash the inside with mild soap and water
- Use leather cleaner on the outside leather
- Use mild soap on any external fabric
- Air dry only

Fabric Glove Care:

- Hand wash the inside with mild soap and water
- Use mild soap on any external fabric
- Air dry

CHOOSING A GLOVE: BRAND QUALITIES

What are some ways to judge a good motorcycle glove?

Not every company has been making gloves for over 70 years like we have, but there are many fine brands to choose from.

Things to look for before you buy a high performance motorcycle glove:

- A company with a good track record, that has stood the test of time
- A reputable company that stands behind their products
- A guarantee for manufacturing defects

Brand Quality Indicators:

Guarantee:

Look for companies that have a reputation to uphold and stand squarely behind their products.

Premium materials and Construction:

Use of branded materials like Gore-tex, Thinsulate, Kevlar, Primaloft, Aquatex Thermolite, Holofil, and Dri-lock, are good quality indicators, because companies have to uphold certain manufacturing standards for these material suppliers to allow their brand names to be used.

Style:

Some companies consistently improve and adapt their designs, with an eye towards safety and comfort. Other companies are on the forefront of fashion and style. This is a very personal choice.

Innovation:

You'll want to make sure that the company whose gloves you choose is incorporating the best materials and current methods the industry has to offer.

For instance, Olympia was the first glove company to introduce Gore-tex and gel padding to motorcycle gloves, and one of the first to use Kevlar, reflective technology, molded soft knuckles, double layers of insulation on fingertips, and touch-screen technology, to name a few.

CONCLUSION

More important than what a company says about itself, is what other riders say. Do your homework, check online reviews ... and be sure to leave reviews, too, so other rider's can benefit from your experience.

**We want you to LOVE your gloves ...
whether you buy ours or another brand.**

So shop around, see what's new, read reviews.

Then, make an informed choice. Select a glove that fits your needs and budget, make sure they feel good on, and ...

... Hit the road, knees to the breeze! Ride safe!



The Best Summer Guide to Motorcycle Riding

A BIKER'S GUIDE TO THE
SPRING RIDING SEASON





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Intro

Wind in your face. The smell of summer in your nose. The sun just beyond the trees. Friends riding with you. Summer is where it's at for a biker.

Owning a motorcycle – being a biker – is so much more than simply riding 2 wheels to work and home. Sure, that's a big part of most bikers' days. In fact, if you're not riding to work, your brothers & sisters in asphalt probably call you a weekend warrior.

But hey ... all that matters is whether you're a 24/7/365 rider or a weekend warrior, you're a biker. And you're ready for the next season.

Once the spring has passed and the summer is upon us, it may be time for a new riding plan. Weather, vacation and scenery all play a part in the next riding season.

Nothing quite makes you come alive like that perfect summer day. Up early... ready to saddle up in the early morning dew, you and your pals gather for a cup of coffee and a chat about the day. As the sun's climbing the sky you get ready to throw your leg over the saddle. A flick of the starter and a twist of the throttle and you're primed to ride.

Carving asphalt never felt so good as those days you're riding with your pack, with nothing to do and no one to answer to. These are the days we were made for.

Let's get ready for the summer riding season with some of the best tips and tricks out there. Before you take off, take a look at this guide. We'll go through some of the best information for you so your summer riding season is the best yet.

Saddle up. Hold on. Enjoy the ride.

The Best Summer Gear

For most of us, summer riding means warmer – even hot – weather. Sweating on your bike is unpleasant at best, and can even get dangerous. So if you're looking for some solutions to balancing relief from the heat of summer with keeping yourself safe, let's dive into some of the best summer riding gear.

The Best Summer Motorcycle Jackets

Let's face it ... not all bikers adhere to the "sun's out, guns out" mantra. Some of us prefer to keep safety a top priority. But what do you do when it's so hot, a full-weight leather jacket is just too much?

Mesh jackets with Kevlar and protective inserts can help balance comfort and safety. Brands like Joe Rocket, Olympia Moto Sports, Rukka and Alpinestars all have mesh jackets for around 200.

Many other jackets – leather and textile – have vents and lightweight construction meant for warmer weather riding. Below are 4 top-rated jackets for summer riding:

1. Alpinestars T-Jaws Air Jacket
2. REV'IT! GT-R Air Textile Jacket
3. Olympia Airglide 4
4. Dainese Air-Flux Tex
5. Fox Legion Jacket

Each of these is designed for hot riding and safety. It's a good place to start.

The Best Helmets for the Summer Season

Along with the jacket debate comes the helmet issue. If you're of the mind that you need to keep your melon protected but you're battling the heat, then you may need to find a different helmet or another solution.



One great solution is the technology upgrades in recent years of carbon fiber. The lightweight material is durable, great for helmets. Couple that with great venting systems, and you get a helmet like the Bell Star Carbon. Bell's flagship helmet is known to flow huge amounts of air.

Other top-rated helmets for summer are race-style lids like the Shoei X-12, or Arai Corsair. You can also opt for open-style helmets. Whether it's an open helmet or a well-ventilated full-face, prepare for extra noise. More vents mean more wind.

The Best Gloves for Summer Riding

Fingerless gloves, mesh gloves and other summer hand coverings help ease the heat. But are they safe? If your concern is hand safety in case of emergency, you may want to consider summer riding gloves. Cooling vents, mesh fabrics, and sweat-wicking materials will help make your summer riding season a much more comfortable affair.

Here are a few options to consider:

- Olympia 730 Touch Screen Gloves
- Olympia 710 and 711 Gel Reflector Gloves
- Olympia 750 Ventor Gloves
- Olympia 407 Fingerless Gel Gloves
- Olympia 452 Perforated Full Throttle Gloves



Olympia 750 Ventor Gloves



The Best Rain Gear

Of course we don't plan to ride in the rain, but it sure does happen sometimes.

Full rain suits like the River Road Tempest 2-piece will help keep you dry (or at least drier) while maintaining your style. You can also find great accessories like rain boots and full gloves. The thing to look for is a tightening strap to keep the rain out.

The best rain gear has been tested to make sure water isn't creeping up because of the wind as you're riding. Here are a few top-rated rain gear solutions:

- River Road Tempest 2-piece rain suit
- Nelson-Rigg AS-3000 Aston
- Frogg Toggs Hogg rain suit
- Olympia Horizon Rain Jacket

- MotoCentric Moto Trek 2-piece rain suit
- Dowco Guardian Deluxe 2-piece rain suit
- Rivco nylon rain boots
- MotoCentric Moto Trek boot covers

The Best Summer Trips

When planning a trip, it's important to find some good resources. From looking for the best bike trips to simply looking through other people's experiences, taking time to plan it out can make a big difference.

The creator of the website joined the military in 1986, served for over 25 years, moving 13 times. Over those years he says he put a lot of miles on motorcycles exploring different parts of the. This led him to create a directory of roads for other bikers to be able to explore on two wheels. On their home page you can click on your state and poke around at routes others have submitted. From there you can plan all kinds of rides from shorter to longer.

When planning longer rides, looking through trip plans from companies like AAA can help you get the best out the roads. It can also help ensure you're finding roadways NOT under construction.

Planning a trip ought to of course include safety, Make sure you're including someone 'back home' in your plans. Let them know where you're headed and when, and keep in touch throughout the journey. It's much easier now than 20 years ago with mobile phones, but it's still important to make an effort to keep someone in the loop for safety.

With that background, let's look at some of the best journeys for bikers.

7 Ultimate Destinations for Bikers

Deal's Gap a.k.a. Tail of the Dragon, TN/NC

It's so great and well-known it's almost a cliché. But the Tail of the Dragon truly is an ultimate ride. This 11-mile stretch of U.S. Route 129 is actually called Deal's Gap. Resembling a dragon's tail (hence the nickname), Deal's Gap is said to contain over 300 curves, the sharpest of which has been given nicknames such as Gravity Cavity and Copperhead Corner. The challenging two-lane blacktop-highway stretch brings riders through Great Smoky Mountains National Park — a beautiful area. Originally 55mph, the speed limit was reduced to 35 in 2005.



Advice: Be careful and take your time. A shrine dubbed the Tree of Shame has motorcycle parts attached to it by those who weren't able to tame the dragon.

Lake Superior Ride, MI, WI,

According to an Ontario, Canada website about this trip, "The ride around Lake Superior is humbling, scenic, tasty and spectacular."

On this long ride, bikers ride through three states and one Canadian province, experiencing different cultures and local traditions. Because it does cross into another country, be sure to have both currencies and your passport.

The scenery along this route is described as anything from rustic to stunning. Lake Superior is a major site, the largest (in water volume) of the Great Lakes. Of course, because of the remoteness of this particular ride, planning fuel stops and overnight accommodations is key to a successful ride.

Pacific Coast Highway, California



This 127 mile ride hugs the coast of California, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It's a pretty straight forward route, following Highway 1 the whole time. Start the route in Monterrey California and simply follow highway 1 south through Big Sur and down to the route's conclusion in San Simeon California (where you'll find the Hearst Castle).

One word of caution from some riders: be patient. Because it's California and a popular route, it can get a bit busy. Plan to take your time and maybe even grab surfing lessons along the way.

Route 50, The George Washington Bridge, West Virginia

Mountains, rivers and scenery... oh my!

When riding on the George Washington Highway, you'll be just north of the amazing Monongahela National Forest, passing Cathedral State Park (which is a nice midway point stop) among other beautiful outlooks along the way. There's an added bonus: once you've finished this adventure you are right there for two more of the East Coast's best rides... Skyline Drive and The Blue Ridge Parkway. Be sure to let your boss know you won't be back soon.

Beartooth Pass, Wyoming

If you're up for an adventure, this road will not disappoint. It has more ups and downs than a soap opera marriage... very few guard rails and scenery you won't soon forget. This beautiful ride covers everything from incredible mountains, dense forest, rivers, great rocks ... even snow and tundra.

The Twisted Sisters, Texas

This grouping of great motorcycle roads is made up of Ranch Roads 335, 336, and 337 in the Texas Hill Country. While the Twisted Sister may not possess the level of difficulty of the Tail of the Dragon, they're definitely not for amateur riders. The Twisted Sisters take riders through a 100-mile loop of Texas ranches, valleys, and hills. Providing panoramic views, they curve around canyons and rises with few guardrails. One 15-mile stretch



is said to have about 65 curves. Within and nearby the loop, several roadside attractions can be visited — the Lone Star Motorcycle Museum, Stonehenge II, Frio Canyon Motorcycle Stop, and Lost Maples State Natural Area are all notable stops.

The Arkansas Dragon, Highway 123, Arkansas

About 40 miles north of Russellville, Arkansas in a town called Lurton, you'll find the beginning of the Arkansas Dragon. This route starts at the intersection of Highway 7 and Highway 123. Riders say there are switchbacks around every corner, and scenery to fall in love with. The 15-mile stretch is in great shape, too: no trucks are allowed. Maybe take a GoPro camera strapped to your helmet and look at the footage after your ride, so you're safe. Enjoy the twisties.

You can even stay close to home.

If an epic motorcycle trip isn't in your summer plans, you can still take advantage of the beauty in your neck of the woods. Poke around riding sites and travel websites to look for a great route near you.

Another tip is to find county road maps for your area, look for a perfect route and go explore. Who knows ... maybe you'll find your local "dragon" no one else knows about yet.

The Best Summer Maintenance Tips

Summer oil

Should we bikers change our oil to a thicker, heavier blend in the heat of the summer? No. It used to matter, when oil was less complex. In today's automotive – and motorcycle – world, oil flows well regardless of the temperatures.

Where does this come from? According to Popular Mechanics, "Old conventional oil formulations had only one viscosity, and oil would thin out as it was heated. In winter months this caused starting trouble because the oil would turn to molasses and the pumps couldn't lube the engine properly. To combat this, a lightweight oil such as 10-weight was used for cold weather, so it would flow, while heavier 30- or 40-weight oils were best in summer months to prevent the oil from breaking down in the heat. This problem was solved with multiviscosity oil, oil that flows better when cold, then thickens and protects better when it's hot."

So while you don't generally need summer-specific oil, you do want to make sure your oil is right for your motorcycle and your geography. If you're in Phoenix, it may be a bit warmer than Minneapolis. That could affect the viscosity some, but it's not something a biker in Minneapolis should worry about from an April ride to a July trip. Just be sure to change your oil regularly.

Other lubricants and fluids

It may not be crucial to perform an overhaul every season, but other liquids should be maintained and checked every year. Liquid-cooled engines should have the antifreeze/coolant checked, flushed, and replaced every two years, as old coolant causes corrosion. Also replace the hoses, thermostat, and radiator cap every five years. After starting the engine test the operation of the electric cooling fan. It should come on during extended idling.



Additionally, inspect the brake fluid, linings and rotors or drums for wear. The brake fluid should be changed every two years, and if it looks dark replace it. Refer to the shop manual for the bleeding procedure, especially on ABS systems.

Tires in the hot summer sun

Tire maintenance is of course vital to a safe riding season. The summer heat can make the pressure in your tires rise some, but it shouldn't be noticeable in general. Just be sure to keep an eye on it.

Summer riding can also mean periods of no rain. As you're riding on those perfectly-aired-up tires, watch out for roads that appear dry but could actually be slick from road grime, oil and sand.

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Motorcycle Glove Care

With a few minutes of care each season, your motorcycle gloves will last longer.

See our glove care checklist below:

When it comes to motorcycle gloves, it's best not to machine wash them, except when specifically labeled otherwise.

A guideline we often use is to **hand wash the inside** with mild soap, use a **leather cleaner** on the outside leather, and **mild soap** on any external fabric:

Leather Glove Care:	Fabric Glove Care:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand wash the inside with mild soap and water• Use leather cleaner on the outside leather• Use mild soap on any external fabric• Air dry only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand wash the inside with mild soap and water• Use mild soap on any external fabric• Air dry

- Motorcycle gloves are made with a variety of technical fabrics, for best road performance.
- Due to the variety of materials and layered construction -- not all of those interior layers, and technical fabrics, can be cleaned in the same way.
- That's reason you don't want to just toss them in the washing machine and dryer.
- Air dry wet leather at room temperature -- never use a dryer.
- Use a leather conditioner after cleaning leather gloves, for longer life and better water repellency.
- Maintain the shape of your gloves by standing them up on a wide wooden, plastic, or padded hanger.
- Store leathers in a temperature-controlled environment.
- Use a breathable fabric like cotton sheets when covering our leather goods. Never use plastic, as it is a drying agent.
- Keep leather directly out of sunlight for prolonged periods of time.

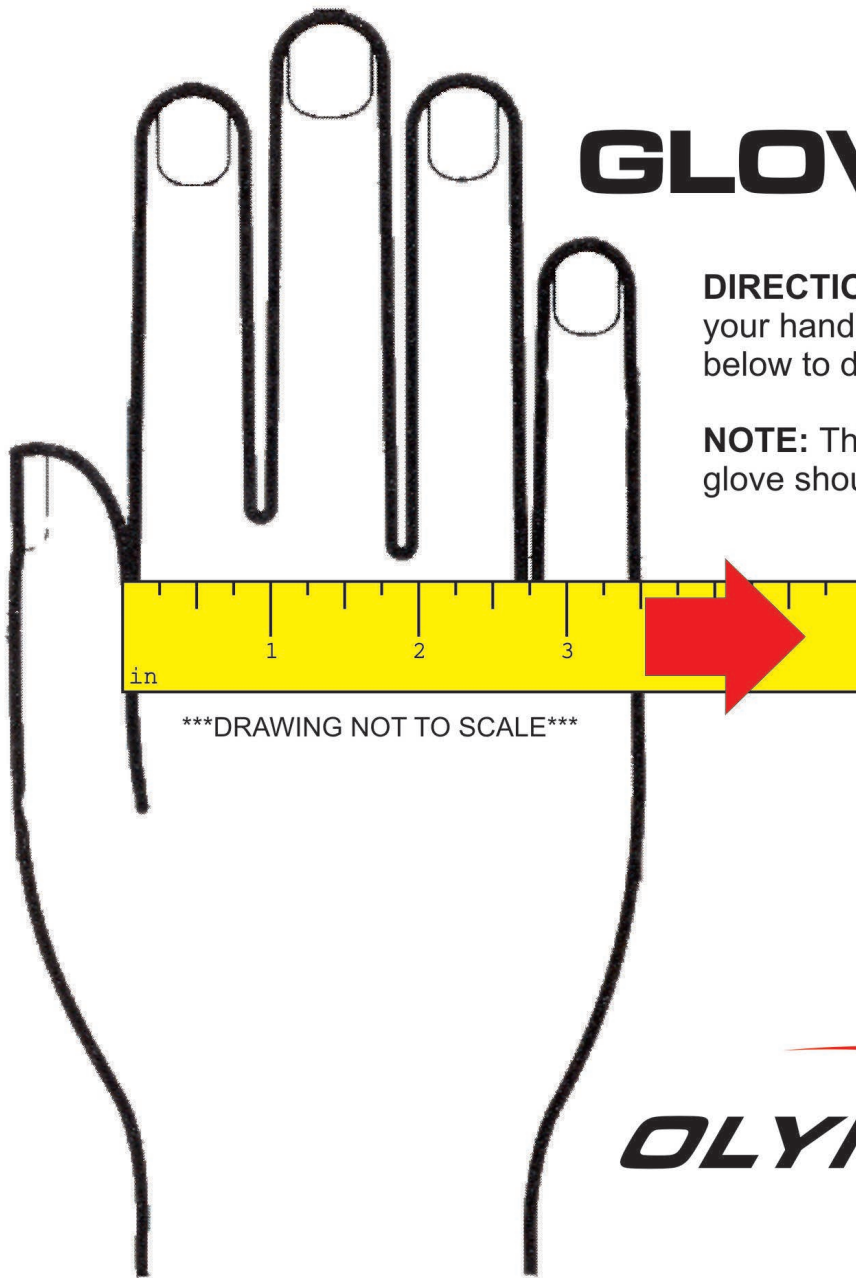
Your investment in quality gloves should last for years. We'd like to help you avoid problems due to incorrect care.

If in doubt, and you still have questions, contact us!

GLOVE SIZING

DIRECTIONS: Use a ruler to measure the top of your hand across your knuckles and use the chart below to determine glove size.

NOTE: This chart is only an approximate size, glove should be tried on to confirm best fit.



SIZE	MEN'S	LADIE'S
XS	2.5 - 2.75	-
SM	2.75 - 3.0	2.0 - 2.5
MD	3.0 - 3.5	2.5 - 3.0
LG	3.5 - 4.0	3 - 3.5
XL	4.0 - 4.5	-
2XL	4.5 - 5.0	-
3XL	5.0 - 5.5	-

(inches)



To sum up:

- o *Check out the size chart below*
- o *Read online reviews to see what other riders say about fit and feel*
- o *Head to your local dealer to really take out the "guesswork".*
- o *If you still have questions, let us know if we can help you to determine the right glove, and the best fit, for you.*
- o ***Happy shopping, and ride safe!***

Olympia Gloves Size Chart

Glove size chart and fit guidelines, to help you order the right size gloves.

Use our "5 Fit Guidelines" and size chart below, to take the guesswork out of ordering Olympia Gloves online.

5 Fit Guidelines for Sizing Motorcycle Gloves

1. Olympia gloves are "American Cut", and fit true to size.

Our customers usually tell us our gloves just fit right, without being too snug, or having extra length or bulk where you don't need it. "American fit" gloves are a roomier cut vs. European fit gloves, which run smaller.

2. Our women's gloves are designed for a woman's hand.

Women's hands are not simply smaller versions of men's hands. Olympia's women's gloves specifically addresses a woman rider's hand size and fit concerns, like smaller hands, narrower shape with longer fingers, room for rings, etc.

3. New leather gloves should fit on the snug side, compared to fabric gloves.

Leather motorcycle gloves should start a little snug, to break in as you wear them. They will stretch approximately 5% to fit your hand's exact proportions.

Leather conditioner can help soften the leather and break them in.

4. Fabric (textile) gloves should fit right, the first time you put them on.

If stretch is built into the fabric, they will have a little "give". But for the most part, textile gloves should fit right and be comfortable, the first time you put them on.

5. Leave Room for Glove Liners.

If you plan to wear your gloves with glove liners, your gloves need to be a little roomier, to accommodate that.

P.S. Guideline # 6 -- Try Them On For Size.

It may seem odd to read in an online store for gloves, but sometimes, you just gotta try 'em on for size. To see how they feel on your hands before you buy, use our dealer locator .

Tips: Purchasing The Right Olympia Motorcycle Gloves For You

Motorcycle gloves are needed for hand protection, weather protection, grip, anti-vibration, warmth and comfort.

Before you choose a pair of gloves, [measure your hand to make sure they'll fit perfectly](#).

Here are our top 7 factors to think about when buying motorcycle gloves.

1. Cuff Length

Motorcycle glove styles are usually defined by the cuff length that covers your wrist and lower forearm. No cuff or "shorties" cut off right at your wrist, while others provide varying cuff lengths up the lower forearm. Your jacket's sleeve length will most likely factor in the decision of which cuff works best, as you may want your gloves to tuck in under or cover over top of your sleeve. You may also want a gap in between your glove and sleeve, to allow a bit extra ventilation up the sleeve. Have two different pairs of gloves – one "shortie" pair for summer and one pair with a mid-length cuff to cover sleeves is a good idea.



2. Fingers or Fingerless

While most gloves include coverage for your fingers, you may find your finger movement is restricted. To overcome this, you may consider a pair of fingerless gloves, where the ends have been cut off from about the first or second knuckle down from the finger tip.

3. Close Fit

The correct glove fit is critical. Proper close fit and sizing is a combination of carefully selected glove patterns, shell, lining materials and meticulous stitching along with the rider's accurate hand measurement.



4. Material

Like most other motorcycle gear, motorcycle gloves come in leather or textile. The one you choose usually boils down to personal preference. Leather is the choice of many riders because of its form-fitting comfort, durability and breathability. Textiles are chosen for weather protection and their light weight comfort and performance.

5. Ventilation

Gloves should allow your hands to breathe while preventing sweaty hand. Some gloves come with perforated holes along the back of the hand, palm or along the knuckles and some will offer both.



6. Protection

A riding glove needs to have enough armor in the right spots to protect against impact, yet still offer a good amount of flexibility to freely operate the bike. In the unlikely event you go down while riding, your instinct is going to be to throw your hands out to brace for impact. The fundamental purpose of your gloves is to protect your hands from terrible road rashes that can seriously damage your hands. Your gloves must also be tough enough to protect you from the elements.

7. Anti-vibration and Shock Reduction

You might want to think about motorcycle gloves offering extra padding along the palms. Particularly for a sport bike rider who leans forward while riding. Much of your upper body weight is pressing down through your palms on the handlebars. Plus, it cuts down on the vibration from the front wheel. We highly recommend extra padding in the palms for anyone, especially those who prefer the "crotch rocket".



Learn more about motorcycle gloves we have.