

Warm & Safe Dual Remote Control Heat-Troller



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WARM & SAFE HAS RECENTLY UPDATED its new wireless “remote control” version of the Heat-Troller. For those used to strictly hardwired setups, this one uses a remote controller, so there is no direct connection between the heated gear and the controller itself. Instead, the remote controller communicates wirelessly with a receiver, which is placed inside the jacket liner pocket. It is the receiver which now makes the hardwired connection between the power source from the motorcycle and the input connections on the gear. This particular model has a dual output, so two separate pieces of gear (e.g., liner and a pair of gloves) can be powered independently of each other. A 15A fused battery harness is included. On the updated model tested, power for the remote controller comes from two commonly available AAA cells, instead of the CR2032 coin cell battery used on older models.

The controller and receiver are very easy to synch together to allow communication. The process involves turning the controller on and off quickly three times, and then plugging the receiver to power within 10 seconds. The LEDs on the remote control will flash to acknowledge the receiver having received and initiated the command

from the remote control. Once the two are synched, you never have to do it again. Functionally, operation is the same as traditional heat controllers: just turn the marked knobs to adjust the heat output of the gear, in this case from 3–100 percent.

The controller unit is compact, measuring 0.92" high x 2.2" deep x 2.4" wide, including the knobs, so mounting is

easy. My preference is to use the optional belt pouch to clip the unit directly to the front of my tank bag, for easy access on the fly. The unit is waterproof and can stand the abuse of exposure to the elements. Once off the bike, it's now that much easier to store or remove the controller out of sight since there are no wires involved, and it comes equipped with a camera-type carrying strap for quick portability between motorcycles.

Naturally, W&S liners feature a dedicated pocket designed specifically to hold the remote receiver, but we've tested the Dual Remote Control Heat-Troller with other liners, including my 13-year-old Gerbing's liner and the modern Microwire version as well. It functioned flawlessly with both, and the 0.5" high x 1.75" deep x 2.5" wide receiver was easily stored in the left front pocket of either Gerbing's liner. There's no reason why it shouldn't work with almost any other brand of heated gear as well.

Painless mounting, improved ergonomics, easy portability between multiple bikes – and W&S offers trade-ins for owners with older controllers who want to upgrade. What's not to love?

Dual Remote Control Heat-troller – MSRP \$139.95

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