

# REVIEWS

## » Lee Parks

### DEERSPORTS PCi GLOVES

Lee Parks DeerSports PCi gloves are constructed of black Elkskin on the dorsal side of the hand and tan deerskin on the ventral palm area. An Outlast phase-change lining insulates the interior for cold to moderately warm temperature use. For added abrasion resistance, the knuckles are reinforced with an added layer of elkskin, while the heel of the palm is fortified with an additional layer of deerskin. A 5-inch wide gauntlet fits over any bulky winter jacket with ease, and a wrist-mounted velcro strap with arrowhead-shaped pull stop, along with a cuff cincher, keep things secure once fitted.

These are definitely one of the most aesthetically appealing pair of gloves on the market today. The lining is velvet-soft, and there is no resistance to any movement in any direction. In fact, they feel more pliable when brand new than all of my well broken-in cowhide gloves do after many thousands of miles. The quality of construction is superlative, with tight, even stitching throughout. Sizing runs true, if a smidge on the roomy side.

Out on the road, the DeerSports PCi gloves performed well over a very wide temperature range, which is essentially their forte. I found them comfortable from 38-80 F, and was

amazed at how such a relatively light, thin glove kept my hands so warm in the winter. It was nice to shed the usual bulk of dedicated winter gloves for all but the most brutally cold rides, when heated gloves were mandatory.

Likewise, I could don them above 80 F without too much discomfort. There is no high technology venting here, but the Outlast material, originally developed for NASA, clearly does an effective job of regulating the internal temperature of the gloves no matter what the thermometer reads. My only complaints are that they're not waterproof, nor do they offer capacitive touch screen capability. The American-made Lee Parks DeerSports PCi gloves are available in XXS-XXXL in tan/black or all black, with an MSRP of \$204.95

—Moshe K. Levy



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## » Enduristan

### SANDSTORM 3S TANK BAG

Enduristan is a Swiss-based brand that offers a host of robust bags, including panniers, dry bags, and tank bags, such as the Sandstorm 3S tested for this review. As the name implies, their products are geared toward the dual sport and adventure segments.

The Sandstorm 3S measures 12 inches long and 8 inches wide. The height is adjustable, with a 7-inch base height that extends up to an extra 2 inches in case more room is needed. The height adjustment is via a telescoping design that allows the lower half of the bag to recess into the upper half. Very nice!

The exterior of the bag is constructed of a three-layer textile material that features welded seams. The material feels slightly rubberized to the touch, which made cleaning off mud and road grime a snap. Access into the bag is from the top via a two-sided waterproof zipper. When the top closes, it comes down over the body of the bag creating an overlap to keep the elements out. Enduristan says this translates into a 100 percent

waterproof bag without the need for any sort of rain cover; a great feature.

Also included is a waterproof map pocket that measures 12.25 x 7.5 inches and attaches with Velcro. The interior of the bag is lined with an easy to clean red material that really made it easy to find small items as opposed to the typical "black hole" material used in many tank bags.

It also features an adjustable compartment separator as well as a 9 x 4.5-inch pocket that's attached to the lid via Velcro—both can be removed, if desired. The Sandstorm 3S, which is made in China, can be purchased directly from Enduristan and other retailers for \$180.

—Jeremy C. Willard



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