

SCORPION STEALTHPACK JACKET

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Scorpion's Stealthpack jacket combines solid three-season functionality with a novel integrated backpack. The exterior shell is constructed of "water resistant" 600D polyester textile with SaS-Tec's CE Level 1 form-adaptable armor at the shoulders and elbows. Adjustment snaps with rubberized buttons on the forearms and biceps as well as two velcro waist cinchers allow the rider to fine tune fitment. YKK zippers are used throughout. Reflective Scorpion "S" logos dress up the bicep areas, and a thin line of "NightViz" reflective piping runs across the width of the back for added conspicuity at night.

The Stealthpack's interior has a conventional breathable mesh polyester liner, but no zip-in liner for cold weather. Below ~50F you'll probably want to consider wearing a base layer - something to think about when sizing this jacket. This Scorpion's intended purpose is warmer weather riding, where its generous venting system comes into play. On the front of the jacket, two 11-inch long vertical intake vents flow incoming air around the rider's torso, which then exhausts through two huge vertical rear vents that run up the entire height of the jacket. In addition, two chest pockets function as de-facto vents if left open, and two ~7.5" long underarm vents can also be unzipped, adding even more air flow.

The Scorpion's true forte, however, is storage. In addition to its 6 onboard pock-

ets (2 on the chest, 2 handwarmers, and 2 in the interior) the Stealthpack boasts a built-in 20-liter multi-mode backpack. The pack itself is used as shown in the photos and can be quickly reconfigured from "light load" mode to "max capacity" mode. The outer cavity of the compartment reaches down the entire length of the jacket's back, while inner cavity of the compartment is waterproof and padded - perfect for laptops or tablets up to ~15 inches. Our test Stealthpack was equipped with Scorpion's optional CE EN1621-2 Certified Sas-Tec SC-1/15 back protector pad. At only 20 mm thick, it didn't eat away any significant cargo volume, so getting the pad is a no brainer, especially if you're going to be packing anything more than soft gear against your back!

Over the course of my test regimen, I found the Stealthpack to be a supremely functional jacket, especially the well thought out backpack design. For example, there is an integrated waist strap hidden behind small zippers on the lower front of the jacket which allow the rider to firmly anchor the garment to the body, such that it won't slide around when the backpack is fully loaded. Further, there is a 3D mesh divider between the jacket's exterior shell and the backpack, so that the load is kept off of the rider's back and air can move freely from front to back, even if the backpack is full. Indeed, as the miles logged on, it became clear that the backpack is a truly practical device which I now can't imagine living without, especially when riding naked bikes without storage. Beyond the backpack feature, ventilation was superb, and the materials and craftsmanship are all of very good quality. The Stealthpack jacket's MSRP starts at \$199.95 (plus \$44.95 for the optional back protector pad) in black, grey (as shown,) or sand colors. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend this garment to anyone looking for a mid-priced jacket with extraordinary storage capabilities!

Transparency Note: Scorpion provided the jacket for evaluation.

