

PRODUCT REVIEW

Winter Test: Spidi NK-6 Gloves

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Spidi's NK-6 gauntlet gloves are designed to offer riders three-season, foul weather functionality coupled with contemporary Italian styling. I've been wearing them exclusively over a 3,000-mile winter tour of the southwestern US, and came away impressed overall with their performance.

The NK-6 interior is a sandwich of three materials to regulate temperature and comfort. Closest to the rider's hand is a lush micropile liner, which is surrounded by a 200 gram layer

of PrimaLoft insulated padding. The PrimaLoft, in turn, is enveloped by Spidi's H2Out waterproof / windproof / breathable membrane to keep the elements at bay.

The NK-6 exterior shell is constructed of "Superfabric" tear-resistant material around the wrist, and 0.6-0.8 mm "Hi-Fit" goat leather on the palm side for added feel and abrasion resistance. Armored knuckles, plus padded panels at the outer palms and finger backs provide crash protection to the EN 13594:2015 safety standard. A rubbery

insert is included on the left thumb for visor wiping, and the index fingers feature capacitive touch panels at the tips to allow use of touchscreens without removing the gloves. Oversized reflective piping running diagonally across the wrist increases conspicuity after dark.

The gauntlets on my size XL test pair open to approximately 4 inches, which is enough to clear most motorcycle jacket cuffs. Adjustment is via hook and loop on the wrist and a single motion closure strap on the gauntlet. Fitment runs true to size, as my Euro size 9.5 hands translated into a perfect fit in Spidi's XL size designation, although my gloves had about 0.25" excess room in the thumb tips. General construction of these Chinese-made gloves is excellent, with no imperfections detected.

Out on the road, these gloves are comfortable and thankfully warm enough to utilize as dedicated winter gloves, at least in this southwestern area of the country. My winter testing regimen in Texas / New Mexico / Arizona / California included temperatures from a high of 84°F down to 28°F degrees, enough to determine that these gloves are optimal between 35-70°F. Below 35°F I was firing up the heated grips on my BMW RT, and above 70°F lighter gloves would be more comfy overall.

Despite the various materials layered on top of each other, the Spidis always felt secure and operated as though of one well-constructed piece. The NK-6s proved totally waterproof during some truly epic storms I rode through also and held up perfectly as the miles rolled on.

Overall, these Spidi NK-6 gloves are a very solid choice for the motorcyclist looking for a comfortable, warm three-season glove.

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