

Spidi XPD X-Trail Outdry Boots

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Despite their moderate price point, Spidi's XPD X-Trail Outdry boots boast many of the standard features serious touring riders look for.

- › The reserved exterior is comprised of thick abrasion-resistant micro-fiber shell, undergirded by a 1.55 mm thick waterproof / windproof / breathable "Outdry" laminated membrane to keep the elements at bay.
- › There is a healthy amount of nylon reinforcement around the ankle, heel, and toe box areas, and the shin area has a robust TPU insert for additional protection.
- › They are certified to the EN13634:2010 Standard, an EU benchmark that governs protection and ergonomics, among other factors.
- › Surprisingly, there is shift toe reinforcement on both right and left boots, which riders of vintage right-side shift machines will certainly appreciate!
- › A tinted reflective patch above the heel aids nighttime conspicuity.
- › The interior's rugged "Air Tech" 3D mesh liner is breathable and moisture-wicking.

- › Fitment runs true to size, and adjustment is controlled via Velcro flap and a beefy YKK zipper running approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ way up the inner ankle, respectively.
- › The wide range of adjustment allows pant legs to be tucked in comfortably if desired

Overall, the boots are substantial and well built. Unlike many of the boots I've tested over the years, these Spidis were not stiff initially—they're easy to walk in and don't squeak at all from new.

My testing regimen was winter touring throughout the southwest from Texas to California, where the Spidis performed their general-purpose duties faithfully over all climates and applications I encountered. Temperatures on the tour varied from a low of 28°F to a high of 84°F, enough to determine that true four-season use is no problem here. Not a single drop of water ever leaked inside, despite hours in California's torrential downpours.

After over 3,000 miles on this tour, the X-Trail stitching and construction

are still tight as a drum, and the exterior material proved difficult to scuff, especially in areas which see heavy abrasion (such as the toes from road debris, and the left heel from repeated kickstand deployment.) The interior material and vulcanized rubber soles are wearing like iron, with virtually no physical sign that these boots have been used.

About the only suggestion I'd make to Spidi is to offer more reflective material on the rear of the boots, which I value for nighttime conspicuity. Other than this micro-complaint, there is no doubt that these Spidi X-Trails will withstand the long haul and are easily one of the top choices of the mid-priced touring boot class.

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