

REV'IT! LIVENGOOD GTX GLOVES

Two Season Test

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REV'IT!'s new Livengood GTX gloves offer the foul-weather commuter / touring high functionality in a Euro-stylish package. The exterior PWR shell is constructed of "Ripstop" stretch material on the back of the hand, with treated goatskin on the palm side for added feel and abrasion resistance. A Gore-Tex membrane is bonded directly to this shell for maximum waterproofing and breathability, supplemented beneath with 3M 60g Thinsulate J subliner for added warmth. Crash protection is provided via fortified knuckles and impact absorbing Seesoft TPU panels at the outer palms. A rubbery insert is included on both index fingers for visor wiping, and the right index also has a capacitive touch panel at its tip to allow use of touchscreens without removing the gloves. Reflective piping across the wrist increases conspicuity after dark.

The interior's high loft faux fur liner is extremely plush and is itself surrounded by a layer of PrimaLoft Gold insulation to help regulate the internal temperature. The gauntlets on my size XL test pair open to approximately four inches, which is enough to clear most motorcycle jacket cuffs. Adjustment is via hook and loop on the gauntlet and a "single motion closure" strap on the wrist. Fitment runs true to size, although I found the fingers approximately 0.25" too long for my digits. Overall construction of these Chinese-made gloves is excellent, with no imperfections or defects detected.

Out on the road, the gloves immediately

feel "broken in" and are supremely comfortable. Despite being a veritable sandwich of various materials layered on top of each other, the gloves always felt secure and operated as though of one well-stitched piece. My fall/winter testing regimen included temperatures from a high of 49 F down into the teens, enough to determine that these gloves are optimal above -30 F. Below that and I was firing up the heated grips on my RT. Without heated grips or liners for ex-

tended riding below freezing, it's probably best to consider the Livengoods as spring/fall gloves. REV'IT!'s waterproof claim was verified in some truly biblical late fall downpours, with nary a drop ever leaking inside. The capacitive touch feature is very useful for opening apps or swiping side to side, and by using the corner of the index fingertip on my size XL gloves, I was able to perform more precise placement such as texting or drawing. Overall, these gloves are a very solid choice for the touring or commuting rider who values comfort, style, and functionality.

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