

Warmth on a Budget: Winna WHGH3 Heated Motorcycle Gloves

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I have a \$300 set of Klim Resistor HTD battery powered gloves that I've been using on my small displacement bikes for three winters now. They're excellent. Since getting them, there has been an absolute explosion of lower priced battery powered gear, so I decided to try this Winna WNGH3 budget set of heated gloves from Amazon to see how they perform. Spoiler: I'm positively shocked at how functional they are for their \$89.95 price.

The Winnas have a conservatively styled black exterior shell that is 60% polyester / 40% leather, with reflective material across the pinky finger's outer edge and faux carbon fiber knuckle protection. The palm is a grippy black goat leather, with sheep leather accents on the fingers. A silver-colored slider patch lives on the palm heel for added protection, and a beefy 1" strap keeps the gloves tightly secured at the wrist. Each glove has a 2.5" long rubber face shield wiper on the thumb, and a large pull loop on the bottom of each gauntlet allows leverage to cinch the gloves on tightly.

The gauntlet itself opens to 4.5" and can be stretched further if necessary. Inside, a windproof/waterproof membrane lives between the outer shell and the soft "velvet material" inner lining, supplemented with 3M Thinsulate insulation. Overall construction of these gloves is very good, with no blemishes, loose threads, or defects detected.

Power for each glove comes via a

7.4VDC Li-Po battery, rated for 2.7 Ah. The 2.75" x 0.5" x 2" cell slips into a waterproof zipper-sealed pouch within the gauntlet. A 1.5" wide backlit display on the gauntlet allows the rider to turn the glove on, off, and toggle between 104°F and 150°F in 2°F increments. (One can also select Celsius adjustment between 40°C-60°C in 1°C increments.) The display also shows remaining battery capacity in 3 steps (full, medium, and low.)

Run time on battery varies wildly according to ambient temperature, but riding in the low 20s Fahrenheit (the bulk of my testing regimen,) I was consistently able to get ~7 hours on low (104°F) and approximately 50 minutes on high (150°F.) (Note: This was all after cycling the batteries a few times.) One can expect more time in warmer ambient temps, and less in colder. (Pro tip: Amazon has a wide selection of much higher capacity LiPo batteries that can fit within the battery pocket of each glove, if longer run time and/or spare batteries are needed.) An 8.4V / 1.5A AC-DC charger which handles both cells simultaneously is included with the gloves.

In real world east coast winter testing, I'd be lying if I didn't admit that these gloves deliver 90% of the performance of my Klims at less than 1/3 of the cost. Their luxurious, insulated interiors are plenty comfy, and warm enough to ride in the high 30s without the heating function turned on. Once activated, they warm instantly and reached peak temperatures within five minutes. Unlike many more expensive gloves (including my Klims,) these gloves stay at the temperature you set (while others revert to a lower temp after some preset time to conserve battery life.) They're intelligent enough to remember temperature settings prior to shut-off too, and turn on at the same settings. These Winnas are touch screen compatible, though as expected with any winter gloves it's not a precise control. They're not quite as insulated as the more expensive name brands, and I haven't logged a few years on them to determine durability yet, but at this price the Winna WNGH3 represent an insanely good value proposition for my fellow Polar Bears.

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