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# Rev'it Tornado 2 Suit

Come Rain or Shine

**NEW FROM REV'IT** for 2016 is the Tornado 2 Jacket and Pants, updated versions of their best selling original Tornado. Luckily, the features that made it so popular have not changed. The Tornado Jacket has three-season coverage, making it practical for most conditions. At its core is a mesh jacket for hot weather, and a windproof, waterproof and lightly insulated liner for more chilly temperatures. Frankly, most of us are three-season riders, and if the weather becomes too cold, the electric gear comes out. Riders also appreciated the fit, labeled as "Regular Touring." The jacket has a more relaxed shape than "athletic fitted" jackets, and is comfortable for touring but not too loose or baggy.

Building on these proven features, the Tornado 2 Jacket has received a revamped design with upgraded, more



**Tornado 2 jacket** in new, and men's only, "sand/black" color (top). Women's jacket in "silver/black."

- ⊕ **Specs:** Shell 75D mesh, 750-1000D Polyester and Lorica synthetic leather
- ⊕ **Features:** Zip-out, waterproof, insulated liners; CE Level-2 armor.
- ⊕ **Colors:** Black, silver/black, sand/black (not in women's); Pants black or silver.
- ⊕ **Sizes:** S-4XL, reg, long, short; women's 34-44 reg, short.
- ⊕ **Price:** \$369; pants \$359; women's \$339, pants \$359.
- ⊕ **Info:** revitsport.com

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# Corbin R1200RT-LC Seat

On the hot seat

**COMFORT MAY BE** a subjective issue, but many riders have expressed grievances about the water-cooled R1200RT's abysmal stock seat. Whether it's the squishy, unsupportive foam or the board-flat shape, when riders report unflattering comparisons with bare wooden planks, there's clearly room for improvement. Luckily, the aftermarket came to the rescue, and I've spent the last six months putting Corbin's new heated leather



**Customize** by picking your own combination of colors and textures using Corbin's Visual Design Tool online.

saddle through its paces with commendable results.

Designing my new saddle was actually the most entertaining part of the process. Corbin's Visual Design Tool may be the most addictive thing online since Facebook. There, the seat is pictured in

a 3D view, and the rider can select from dozens of material color and texture combinations for each seating area, side panel, welting, stitching and logo. The sheer variety ensures that you can create a unique seat to your personal tastes.

I chose black leather throughout, high-

robust materials throughout. Importantly, it is also now equipped with award winning CE-level 2 Seeflex protectors and additional reflectorized areas. Features such as zippered wrist adjustments for wearing over gauntlet gloves, the handy "flexisnap" collar, fitment tabs at upper arms and hips, stretch lips at elbows for comfort, pant connection zipper and outer and inner pockets will make this jacket a favorite for daily wear. A new sand/black/red color combination has been added to the silver and black choices.

The matching Tornado 2 pants have also been upgraded with the same higher quality abrasion-resistant materials as the jacket. Max cooling is through large front and back air mesh panels and it also comes with the same type of waterproof, breathable liner, as the jacket. CE-level 2 protectors are at the knees, inserted into adjustable inner pockets. Long zippers from foot to below the knee provide easy slip-ins. A slide lock, rather than just a snap, is at the waist. Stretch lip panels above the knee and at the top of the seat, along with adjustment straps at waist offer great riding comfort. Small patches of gripper material positioned on the butt prevents sliding around your seat.—James Wieman

lighted with navy blue stitching, which nicely matched my 2015 R1200RT's San Marino Blue paint. The exterior contour fit flush against all body panels for a sleek appearance and overall aesthetics are leagues better than the lackluster stock bench.

Installation is straightforward but not quite as simple as the stock setup. Note that the Corbin saddle is built on its own proprietary one-piece "Fibertech" base pan, which can be a bit finicky to get into place initially. Likewise, the wiring for the seat's heating elements is not plug-and-play. To mate with the stock BMW power, you can get the BMW connectors from you local dealer and splice those to the Corbin seat heater pigtail (BMW connectors not included), or the bike's stock control harness connectors cut off and replaced with standard male/female crimp connectors to mate with the seat. Keep in mind tapping the Corbin wiring pigtail into your BMW

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## F800GS Fork Cartridge Conversion

Touratech's new F800GS and F800GS Adventure fork conversion improves performance by using a closed cartridge, which separates the nitrogen and damping oil from the moving parts of the forks for smooth and consistent performance even in the harshest environments. Includes hydraulic-bottoming-prevention and state-of-the-art bladder system instead of a floating piston. The conversion is a quick and easy drop-in with no modifications to the fork tubes, fork brace or brake system necessary and is completely tunable with rebound, compression, and pre-load adjustments made from the top of the fork caps. \$1,795, [touratech-usa.com](http://touratech-usa.com)



## Transparent Protection

New from the line of BMW accessories made by Hornig of Germany, are hand guards for the R1200R (2015-on model). Although hand guards were previously reserved for the rough-and-tumble GS bikes, Roadster riders could also use protection from the wind, cold and nasty weather conditions. These are stylishly shaped and complement any color scheme. Made of 4mm-thick, scratch resistant and gasoline resistant PMMA thermoplastic. Available in smoked grey or clear. \$133 (€120), [motorcycleparts-hornig.com](http://motorcycleparts-hornig.com)



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## AeroSec Dual Chamber Tech

Held's new AeroSec textile jacket and pants enable riders to be prepared for changing weather conditions without needing to change gear or carry separate liners—because the liners stay attached but are moved out of the way. During warm weather, the rider slips on the jacket with his arms in front of the liner (leaving it zipped up behind his back). When it rains, the waterproof and insulated liner is zipped open and snapped to the perimeter of the jacket and rider gets into the lined jacket. The same goes for the pants. The rider can either “get in” in front of the liner (and sit on the liner while riding) or fasten it around the perimeter and get into a waterproof chamber. There's also venting zippers on front, back and arms, SAS-TEC Level 2 armor in shoulders, elbows and knees (back protection available separately), several inner and outer pockets, and stretch panels at shoulders and adjustment straps for a custom fit. \$700 jacket, \$500 pants, heldusa.com



**Waterproof mode:** Rider is wearing the liner with its outer waffle-fabric which helps circulate air when the liner is stored behind your back.

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wire harness may affect your warranty, and if you're not familiar with this type of work, you may want to enlist a pro.

On the road, the Corbin's firm “Comfort Cell” foam and ergonomically “dished” shape hug your bum from the sides inward, like a sports car's bucket seat. The rider's weight is spread among a larger surface area than the stock unit, giving more room to move and stretch. Seat height is comparable to stock, at 32.4 inches. My testing over six months of daily commuting and a few extended tours confirmed an excellent rating for comfort, with no soreness even after 14-plus hours on the road.

Overall, this Corbin seat excels in every critical requirement of a quality aftermarket saddle: long distance comfort, superb build quality, and a myriad of color and texture choices for a personalized appearance. This seat is \$678 with heat, and optional “Ovalbac” backrest is an additional \$218. Visit Corbin.com.—Moshe K. Levy



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