

Rev'It Ignition 2 Jacket and Gear 2 Pants

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FOR RIDERS LOOKING FOR A PREMIUM three-season riding ensemble which blends understated European styling with truly functional performance, look no further than Rev'It's Ignition 2 jacket paired with the Gear 2 pants. We have been putting these garments through their paces for over seven months now, and have come away quite impressed.

The Ignition 2 jacket is comprised of three separate layers – the leather / Dynax outer shell, the inner waterproof / breathable Hydratex liner, and the insulated thermal core-warming vest – which are used

separately or in combination with each other, depending on the rider's needs.

The outer shell's design blends the abrasion resistance of Monaco cowhide with large swaths of Dynax mesh for plenty of air flow. Stretch panels near the shoulder blades, inner arms, and elbow areas are made of 500D material. Overall composition is claimed at 59 percent leather, 40 percent polyamide, and 1 percent elastane. Discrete, black-tinted reflective panels are provided at the lower back and elbow areas for added nighttime conspicuity.

A zipper along each forearm opens a

direct vent to the arms and upper body, and can provide some serious cooling, especially in combination with a hydrating vest for the hottest summer rides. Main slit pockets and a document pocket provide plenty of storage, and exterior pockets have proper large, leather pull tabs for easy glove-handed operation. Hook and loop adjustment straps at the waist and adjustment tabs at the cuffs ensure a very fashionable European-style (slim-fitting) cut.

This outer shell, as befitting a jacket in this price range, also boasts a full complement of ProLife CE EN1621-1 approved armor at the shoulders and elbows, as well as a designated safety-stitched pocket for the optional back protector pad. We sampled the multilayered Rev'It Seesoft ventilated Nitrile / Polynorborene backpad, CE rated to the EN1621-2:2003 standard. Fixed foam EVA padding is also included near the shoulder blades.

This outer shell can be used as a stand-alone mesh-type summer riding jacket. For colder or wet weather common in spring and fall months, the Hydratex liner is zipped into the outer shell. The Hydratex is waterproof and seals off the draft from the outer shell's mesh panels, suitable for 55–70F rides in our experience. The Hydratex layer also features a soft wicking material around the collar area, which proved comfortable and effective.

The final layer is the thermal body-warmer, a sleeveless vest used to retain heat in the core area, which further blocks out incoming air. Realistically speaking, this full three-layer combo was comfortable into the low 40s temperatures for brief stints, after which point either a dedicated winter jacket or heated gear would be necessary.

The Gear 2 bootcut pants match the Ignition 2 jacket in overall appearance and material construction, once again combining the Monaco cowhide with Dynax mesh.

They, too, feature a zipped-in Hydratex layer for waterproofing and colder weather riding. EVA foam is included in the hip area, while the knees and shins are protected by more ProLife CE EN1621-1 approved armor. Notably, the knee armor pocket is adjustable for low / medium / high armor placement, making the fit customizable for any type of riding, from sport bikes to cruisers. Small reflective panels are included on the outer ankle area, and the wide bootcut openings were appreciated for ease of fitment. We did wish for some more room through the hips and upper thighs, but otherwise fit was excellent and very sharp in overall appearance.

Naturally, the pants and jacket can be zipped together or worn separately, per the rider's preferences.

The quality of these Chinese-made garments is excellent, as expected at this price point. All stitching was tight, straight, and accurate. YKK zippers and metal spring snaps are used throughout, which proved extremely durable over our test period. The sturdy materials and robust construction all give the impression of hardiness and security, while the design itself is classically attractive in the way only European garments can be. The gear all held up extremely well over our seven-month test, and more than proved itself over the rigors of daily commuting.

The Ignition 2 jacket is available in black or black/anthracite in sizes 46-60 / L34-46 and retails for \$499.99, while the Gear 2 pants are available in black, in standard, short, and long sizes and retail for \$399. Both should definitely be on any serious rider's short list for stylish and functional three-season gear. ☺



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