

REV'IT! Roamer Jacket

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REV'IT'S ROAMER IS THE QUINTESEN-tial classic black leather motorcycle jacket – the kind that's as functional on the road as it is stylish off of it. Impervious to fads, it acts as a second skin off the bike. The exterior shell is made entirely of full grain, dyed Nappa cowhide leather, which is almost as supple and fragrant as civilian fashion leather. Refreshingly understated with a minimum of flash, the Roamer has only two small REV'IT! logos on the exterior, resulting in an presentation that could be just as elegant 20 years from now as it is today.

A closer look reveals the extensive safety stitching, beefy YKK zippers, and substantial metal snaps required on a proper motorcycle jacket. A subtle 4" long by 0.5" wide reflective stripe is embedded on the rear collar, to boost conspicuity at night. In addition, Knox Flexiform CE armor is included for the shoulders and elbows / forearms, while a Seesoft Type RV CE Level-2 backpad is optional. In keeping with the theme of versatility off of the bike, the armor is very compact and pliable, so the Roamer has very little of the bulkiness of traditional motorcycle jackets. Despite the functional features, to the outside world, the Roamer just looks like a sophisticated leather spring / fall jacket, not a purpose-built motorcycle garment.

As befitting European attire, the slightly precurved cut is trim, and sizes run true to form. Adjustments are simple and effective,

from the single-snap mandarin-style collar to the zip and snap cuffs. Waist adjustment is via two-position metal snaps. A connection zipper is included to attach riding pants to the jacket, as is a "jeans loop" which effectively does the same thing with a pair of jeans.



When the temperatures drop, a removable thermal liner quickly zips into place. For me, this full-sleeve quilted liner allowed comfortable riding into the mid-50s, or even lower with extra layering underneath. However, you should note that the liner is not designed or styled to be worn as a standalone garment.

On the road, the Roamer proved itself over several multi-day excursions,

delivering "broken in" comfort and more than adequate storage from its five standard pockets (plus one more in the liner, if used.) The ageless styling of the jacket and ease of adjustments make it appropriate for anything from bare cafes to full dress tourers, and everything in between. But for me, the best part was getting off the bike and attending upmarket functions in restaurants, at work, and elsewhere without having to change. Very convenient! Every rider needs a black leather jacket that's this versatile, this comfortable, and this functional.

REV'IT's Pakistani-made Roamer retails for a reasonable \$429.99 and is available in sizes M46-62 or L34-46. 🇵🇰