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KEN'S PICKS

Penske 8983 Remote Double-Adjustable Shock

Most modern sport bikes come with suspension that's fine for most street riders and novice track riders. However, their inherent cost compromises—like a limited damping range and non-adjustable ride height—can often hinder expert-level track day riders.

The Penske 8983 Series double-adjustable shock absorber offers superb damping and a wide range of adjustability, including ride height and threaded spring preload. Large knobs make it easy to make quick adjustments. The shock is also completely rebuildable and comes sprung for your weight. \$925.00 // www.penskeshocks.com



Adjustable controls can make the difference between just tolerating and loving your bike's ergonomics. Unfortunately, few manufacturers equip their machines with adjustable footpegs. MFW comes to the rescue with the Vario Footpeg system, which provides 8 possible positions over a 360° range using an indexed attachment arm for a secure installation. You can easily adjust the peg location from high and back to forward and low and anything in-between by

simply loosening the hex bolt, rotating the arm to any of the indexed locations and tightening the bolt. However, the thickness of the displacement arm means that your feet will be located outward by an inch or so, but I did not find this to be a problem. From \$160.00 // www.twistedthrottle.com

Sliders Kevlar Motorcycle Jeans

Sometimes I don't want to schlep around in heavy duty riding pants when I walk around town. But regular blue jeans don't offer any real protection,



so I bought a pair of Sliders 4.0 Kevlar motorcycle pants for casual rides. Skeptical about how well Kevlar pants would fit and feel, I was pleasantly surprised to discover that the Sliders fit my usual 32 x 32 size very nicely and that their heavy 13.5-oz. denim fabric with nylon and Aramid DuPont Kevlar lining was super-comfortable. The generous Kevlar reinforcement and optional CE-certified knee armor provide decent protection while providing the opportunity to look "normal" while walking around in public. \$84.99 // www.compacc.com



MOSHE'S PICKS

Emerson EVC455 Actioncam HD

Delivering decent recording performance for only \$40, the Action-cam delivers 720 pixel resolution (1280x720) with a 16:9 aspect ratio, and offers 5MP still capability with 4x digital zoom. A 2" color display allows aiming and menu toggling functionality, and an integrated microphone is included, along with a USB cable to allow charging of the internal Li-lon battery. Memory is provided

by a Micro-SD card (up to 32GB) which is not included. Readers interested in video samples will find no shortage on YouTube, and some videos look much better than others, indicating that playing with the camera's settings pays dividends in recording quality. We suggest purchasing through Amazon or Best Buy.



Conspicuity "See-Me" Reflective Vest

I'll never truly know how many times my Conspicuity vest has saved my bacon, but it's now an indispensable part of my riding gear. American-made of a heavy black mesh material with 2" Reflexite vinyl stripes running up the front, over the shoulder, and down the back (192 sq. in. of reflective surface), the vest fits over any jacket from lightweight summer mesh to bulky winter gear, with four sturdy adjustment straps to ensure a snug fit and no flapping at speed. The standard model fits chest sizes 28"–52", with XL sizing available. Overall weight is only 14 oz. and dozens of color combinations are available. My vest has

over 150,000 miles on it! See-Me Reflective Vest (Regular Size) \$54.00; XL \$62. // www.conspicuity.us



Clearwater Erica Dimmable LEDs

Clearwater's premium driving lights feature six super-high-power LEDs that make 6000 lumens each, while drawing a mere 60 watts at full power. The resulting wide, tall, light pattern literally rivals the noon-day sun. The Ericas project 75% of their light in a 15° cone for forward penetration, while the remaining 25% is projected in a 45° cone for lateral visibility. Their 6300k light color seems to make road signs, reflectors, BOTS dots, and even animal retinas absolutely glow. Plus, the lights are dimmable from 5%-100% power with the included rheostats, and feature superlative hardware and wiring harnesses with model-specific mounting kits and color installation instructions. Clearwater Erica Kit p/n "E5" for BMW R1200RT - \$969.00 // www.clearwaterlights.com

