

# So Let's Talk Gear

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Yeah, it's starting to get hot. I think a lot of riders sacrifice safety for comfort. Who wants to wear leather jackets and pants when it's 110 degrees? No one does, it makes you even hotter. It's a good thing there is fully vented gear out there. We sell a variety of vented jackets, pants, gloves and even lighter weight boots. They happen to be very strong but still light weight. Most of the jackets come with a rain liner, so if you get caught in one of those afternoon monsoons, you still have good protection, you will remain cooler, and remain dry. The vented gear is available in women's and men's sizes, and tall versions in some brands. All the brands have some form of armor in the typical impact areas, elbows, knees, shoulders, etc. I heard a customer say the other day while talking to another, "you don't want that jacket, all that protection is for those sport bike riders." Truth is, the pavement doesn't care what kind of bike you have, your gender, age, or skill level. So why not wear something that will give you some protection, and make your ride the most comfortable it can be. Nobody needs to be thinking while they are riding...I'm too hot, I'm too cold, this is too small, this is too tight. We should be thinking of what a nice day it is to be out riding. A little bit of vented gear will allow you to do just that when it's a little toasty outside.

**Ride safe, Dress safe. Keith**