

So Let's talk gear

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I've been avoiding this topic for awhile now because it's a very controversial one.....Helmets. Yes some people believe in them and some don't. My job here is to tell you about them and not persuade you one way or another. All motorcycle helmets legally sold in the U.S. must be D.O.T. (Dept. of Transportation) approved. This is the minimal safety standard. The other U.S. safety test is Snell. Snell is not a mandatory test.

There are 3 basic styles of street helmets, half, $\frac{3}{4}$, and full. A half helmet covers....You guessed it, half of your head. Usually just above the ears and all the way around. A $\frac{3}{4}$ helmet covers all of your head and leaves the face area open and full offers all head and face coverage. We will now add a sub category, modular. Modular helmets are a full face design but will allow the jaw area of the helmet to lift up and expose the face area.

What ever style helmet you may wear they should all fit the same. Snug, not tight, or comfortable, but snug. The head area of a helmet will break in about 3 percent, the face area about 15 percent. Everybody's head shape and facial features are different. As well as the helmet manufacturers are all a little different in design and fitment. Best approach is to try them on in different brands, styles and sizes.

We offer a 7 day helmet exchange policy. This allows our customers to use the helmet for a short time so they have some time to experiment with it out on the road. Standing in the middle of the show room doesn't really do anything. We want the padding inside the helmet to break in a little. For more information you are more then welcome to drop by and see me or another staff member for assistance



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