



## Riding Gear

When riding with us, we want you fully focused on riding your motorcycle. Riding with the proper gear helps you get there.

**Suits** – You'll need full-coverage riding gear. For the B and C Groups, that can be either leather or textile and one- or two-piece. If it's a 2-piece, then the top and bottom need to attach at least across the back. If you're riding in the A Group, you'll need a 1-piece leather suit. (**Note:** some manufacturers are making mesh summer riding gear that, while better than riding in a t-shirt, isn't enough protection for the track. If you can see through the mesh, it's not protective enough for your day at the track.)

**Back protector** – We require back protectors to ride (plus, it's just plain smart). The protector can be incorporated into your suit or stand alone. Airbags have all that incorporated, plus you get to puff up like the Bibendum, the Michelin man if you somehow trigger the logic of the computers!

**Helmets** – You'll need a full-face helmet certified by something more stringent than *Bob's Bait Shop and Safety Gear*. That means D.O.T., Snell, ECE and the like. Also, the industry standard is 5 years for a helmet lifespan. You can find the date in the liner.

**Gloves** – Your gloves need to be long enough in the cuff to cover all skin when your arms are extended, and it needs to have some way to cinch it around your wrist, so it can't take an aerial tour of the facility while you're exceeding the traction limits of your tires.

**Footwear** – Your footwear must cover your ankles and leave no gaps between the top of the boot and the bottom of your pants. They also need to be secure enough to stay in place. They don't have to be motorcycle-specific boots, but that is what they're made for, and c'mon, they look cool.

**Optional** – Those of us who ride regularly at the track have found that technical wear for under your riding suit can make a huge difference. Leather is especially difficult to peel off sweaty skin, and having Lycra or something similar underneath makes it so much easier to get in and out of your riding gear.

**Suit Rentals** – Like to try riding in a 1-piece leather suit but not sure if you're ready to make the investment? No worries, we know a guy . . . [Seacoast Sport Cycle](#) of Derry, NH has suits for rent, and they can even have it waiting for you at the track.

