

Air Force Required Motorcycle PPE



HELMET: Must be approved by either Snell, Department of Transportation DOT or United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Standard 22.05. Helmets come in three basic types, Full-Faced, Three-Quarter and Half helmet. Though all offer protection the full-faced helmet offers the maximum protection of the three. Additionally, studies have shown a helmet that is white or incorporates hi-viz colors helps a rider be seen in the traffic environment.



Eye Protection: Must conform to ANSI Standard Z87.1 or UNECE 22.05 or British Standard (BS) BS6658. Can be goggles, wrap-around glasses or full-face shield as long as they comply with one of the above standards. A motorcycle windshield alone does not constitute eye-protection. Certifications can be found on lens or frames.



Protective Clothing: Long-sleeved shirt/blouse or jacket, long trousers. Wearing of a motorcycle jacket and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials with absorbing padding is strongly encouraged. It is also highly recommended that PPE incorporates fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material.



Hand Protection: Gloves should be made out of leather or some other abrasion resistant material and be full-fingered. Adding fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material to the gloves is highly recommended.



Foot Protection: Sturdy over-the-ankle footwear which affords protection to the whole foot and ankles. Consider soles on the shoes which are anti-slip and offer superior traction to prevent slippage during stops which require putting a foot or both feet down.