

TEIZ MOTORSPORTS CROSS CONTINENT AIR

A one-piece mesh armored mesh suit that's big on features, low on price

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The Teiz Motorsports Cross Continent Air one-piece mesh suit provides great versatility at a budget-friendly price.

I've hesitated over the years in investing in a one-piece riding suit. There've been a bunch of reasons, but mostly it's been pricing issues that have kept me from biting the bullet, as these things are typically not cheap by any definition of the word. Granted, you get what you pay for, but my old leathers seemed to serve me well. But when Teiz Motorsports offered to let us test their new Cross Continent Air one-piece mesh riding suit — and when I learned that it retails for a very affordable \$249 — I jumped at the chance.

FEATURES AND FIT

The Cross Continent Air is loaded with features and has more pockets than a herd of kangaroos. Among other highlights are three coin pockets, a clear ID pocket on the left sleeve, a built-in backpack, a clear leg map pocket and a rubbery seat pad. Throw in abrasion-resistant 1680 Denier nylon, CE-approved armor, removable knee sliders and lots of retro-reflective material and you've got a suit that appears to be outfitted for just about any kind of riding you can imagine.

In addition, the Cross Continent Air has a lot of flexibility and adjustability built into its design. Flexible gussets just above the knees allow for lots of leg movement. A hook-and-loop waist belt allow for a little extra room, and there are even zippers on each sleeve that when opened extend the sleeve length. My only complaint about the overall fit is that, for

me, my XL test suit was a tad bit tight in the crotch. But except for that one issue, the suit fit as presented on the Web site (which has a very helpful fitment guide).

ON THE ROAD

Overall, the Cross Continent Air suit performed exceptionally well on my 1200-mile round trip ride from Minneapolis, MN to Deadwood, SD. I loved the fact that the suit weighs in at a mere 6.75 lbs — far lighter than the combined weight of my leather jacket and chaps. The mesh was very effective at keeping me cool — again, a real delight when compared to the usual heat issues I encounter on the South Dakota plains in July. Because it didn't rain on my trip, I was not able to test the waterproof nature of the various pockets and zippers, but I have no doubt that they would perform as promised.

CONCLUSION

While the Teiz Cross Continent Air one-piece mesh suit may not be perfect, it is a great introduction by a new-comer to the motor-sports industry. It made me — a die-hard leather guy — really appreciate the versatility, safety and comfort that a one-piece suit can provide. And at \$249, it's by far the best value on the road.

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A clear ID/map pocket on the left arm is easy to see while riding. Notice the adjustable cuffs and zipper that allow for the sleeves to extend.



A back pocket is perfect for a hydration pack or for carrying various small odds and ends. Flexible shoulder gussets allow for great arm movement.



Built-in removable armor provides knee protection, while the sliders can be peeled off if not needed. Notice the flexible gussets above the knee for increased leg mobility.