

## Product Evaluation: Rider Gear Teiz Tioga Perforated Jacket



Velcro straps adjust the Tioga's size to fit your torso.



**Y**ou've seen the name before. I reviewed the Teiz Cross Continent one-piece suit exactly one year ago. It was chock-full of features at a bargain price. Teiz continues that trend this summer with the leather Tioga perforated riding jacket shown here. The Teiz web site says it best: don't sweat, don't bleed. Kind of a gruesome thought, but the point is clear: sweltering hot weather often turns people away from wearing proper riding gear.

The Tioga lets you stay safe and cool; it's a leather that flows air like a textile mesh. Outside we have a 1.1mm–1.2 mm cowhide leather mesh shell. The entire front and back, plus the full length of the underarms are perforated mesh, and the outer portion of the arms and over the shoulders is traditional solid leather.

The full-length zipper on front is a high-quality YKK unit, and Velcro adjustable cuffs with gusset sleeves take up the slack at the wrists. Zipper pulls may not seem important in writing, but in life they sure do make it

easy to work zippers, even with gloves on. The Tioga has them, and an ellipse with stretch panels is sewn in on the elbows, very comfortable. And if you really want to suit up, the Tioga has dual-connection zippers for attaching to pants (both 360-degree and 8").

The Tioga is pretty much devoid of logos (except for the small zipper pulls), and that's fine with me — I'm not a billboard. There are more important attention-grabbers, like nine reflective stripes for added visibility, and reflective panels on each arm, the front shoulder area, and the upper back. The reflective material is a dark gray by day, but silver when headlights hit it at night.

There's just one zippered chest pocket on the outside and one on the inside, so the Tioga is meant for riding, not cargo carrying. One tip I can suggest for sizing is to adhere to the Teiz size chart provided on its web site. While the Teiz sizing may not line up with what you normally wear in leisure clothes, the size chart will help in finding the right fit. —*Steve Lita*

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