

PRODUCT REVIEWS

BEADRIDER • AFFORDABLE ALL-DAY RIDING COMFORT

When we received the BeadRider a number of years ago, I was not exactly thrilled about testing it. For me it had an odd, almost 'old man' vibe to it. But, to give them a fair shake I decided to put it on my GS for our rally in West Virginia that spring. My thought was that if it did not work for me - I'd simply take it off, pack it away and ride on leather.

Boy, was I wrong about this product.

Here we are years later and the BeadRider is still a permanent part of my riding gear. Not only do I use it on my day-to-day ride, but it has been stolen off my GS to be used on other machines – most notably I put it on the Gold Wing I borrowed from Honda for our cross-country journey.

For me it offers not only a greater level of butt-comfort but the great ability to be far more maneuverable on the saddle – an advantage while sliding around the bike – especially on more technical roadways.

BeadRider allows my butt's ample pressure points to be more evenly distributed and allows air to flow between them and the saddle, keeping you dryer and cooler. If

you really want proof of the airflow, just use a set of BeadRiders on a cool day, and it won't take long to convince you that cold air is flowing beneath you. For me this is the one tiny negative for the BeadRider - during the winter - but, for three seasons of the year it is a superb benefit.

The BeadRider comes in two versions – the Classic made from wooden beads and the Ultimate that is constructed with reinforced ceramic composite beads that are designed to keep you cooler, drier and more comfortable in even the harshest conditions.

They have BeadRider pads for both rider and passenger and prices start from \$25.95. For a small investment I bet that you too will become a BeadRider apostle. Log onto www.bearider.com for more information and to order. ~ *Brian Rathjen*

