

Shoei J-Wing Helmet

Motorcyclists are a stubborn group. Like most folks they stick to what they know, and when it comes to protecting their heads, the majority of street riders choose full-face helmets. Shoei, a premium Japanese helmet manufacturer, provides a new option with its J-Wing lid. The J-Wing is a cross between the traditional freedom afforded by an open-face lid and the safety and comfort of a full-face.

Aesthetically, the J-Wing looks like part of a military helicopter pilot's uniform rather than something a motorcyclist would wear. Its sleek design comes in eight colors and looks racy enough to catch younger eyes, yet remains classic enough for old school motorcycle pilots to admire, and it's available in several sizes that will fit virtually any size skull.

The first thing we noticed when wearing was just how snug the fit is. Rock your head in any direction and the helmet remains firmly in place. Yet, its thick, plush interior is devoid of pressure points and it doesn't irritate sensitive skin. The inner pieces can be removed for cleaning and modified with different sized pads for a totally custom fit.

Since it only weights 3.2 pounds it's easy to forget you're even wearing a helmet, which is another plus for those who like longer rides as it greatly reduces fatigue. Add in the refreshing effect provided by its ventilation ports and the solid ratchet style operation of its visor and you've got a safe, stylish helmet which provides the ultimate compromise between open air enjoyment and full-face protection. - *Adam Waheed*

Available in eight different colors and sizes XXS - XXL

MSRP: \$385

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