

### Shoei Helmet RF-1000/ Breakthrough TC-1



One of the things I like about Shoei helmets is that I can order one in my size, and when it comes in the fit is fine. No excuses, no fumbling with different pads or shims or anything. This consistency carries through on the various models, and their latest, the RF-1000/Breakthrough

TC-1, is no exception. It looks and feels like a quality helmet, with excellent fit and finish and a plush, but sturdy interior.

Shoei used a wind tunnel to develop the RF-1000 and it shows. The aerodynamic spoiler in the back and the overall shape seems to slip through the air better than most lids, without buffeting. Ventilation is quite effective too, with inlets in the chinbar and forehead areas, and outlets in the spoiler. All can be operated with gloves on.

The RF-1000 employs Shoei's Advanced Integrated Matrix Plus Multi-fiber Technology, which embeds strong fibers into the fiberglass for a light yet tough shell. It's available in four shell sizes and has five liner sizes to accommodate a wide range of noggins. The lining includes removable cheek pads and chinstrap covers, but the main por-

tion is not removable for cleaning, one feature I'd like to see changed.

Shoei uses the CX 1V faceshield on the RF-1000, which pops on and off in seconds and has to be the easiest system on the market to use. Eight positive detents allow you to open it to let in air and it stays there. When closed, a gasket seals the shield snugly to the helmet, making it one of the quietest I've worn. A breath guard and chin curtain come with the helmet for cold weather, and there's a bag for storage.

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Sizes: XXS-XXL

(3XL on certain colors)

Colors: solids and graphics

Price: \$367.99 - \$474.99

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