

18 LATEST MODELS!

FULL-FACE HELMET BUYERS GUIDE

ridder

MOTORCYCLING AT ITS BEST



**Harley's New
Corner Carver
2009 Sportster
XR1200**

STYLIN' 650

UNDER \$7K

2009 SUZUKI GLADIUS



**SURE-STOPPIN' SPORTBIKE
HONDA CBR600RR ABS**

**150-HP BMW
SPORT TOURERS
K1300S AND GT**

**TOURING NEW ENGLAND,
LOUISIANA AND ONTARIO**

www.riddermagazine.com

\$3.99 US \$4.99 CAN



JUNE 2009

0 71896 47914 0

**Shoei RF-1000**

\$474.99 • Weight: 3 lbs., 4.5 oz.

DOT and Snell

The shell of Shoei's RF-1000 is made of its proprietary "Advanced Integrated Matrix Plus Multi-fiber Technology," which consists of strong organic fibers imbedded into fiberglass.

The RF-1000 excels in comfort and ventilation. Its interior liner material and padding is comparable to that of the Arai, though the cheek pads are soft rather than firm. There's plenty of room for eyeglass insertion, and the size medium fit me perfectly.

Open the two individual crown vents and the exhaust vents (with a single sliding control) and a rush of air blows in. The crown vents are two-stage if you wish to regulate the rush. Strangely, even with the exhaust vents closed the rush of air does not diminish substantially. The chinbar vent helps cool and defog. Closing all vents completely shuts down the wind, leaving no cold spots, and the helmet is very quiet.

For years, Shoei's shield system has been my favorite, and there's still nothing better. Open the shield, pull the lever on each side and the shield springs outward for easy removal. Push and rotate the shield, and it's back on.

Again quiet operation, highly functional venting, great comfort, easy shield replacement and great style make for an excellent hat.

Shoei Safety Helmet Corp.

www.shoei-helmets.com