

KLIM: OUR CHOICE FOR BEST RIDING GEAR

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KLIM OFFERS A BROAD ARRAY OF TOP-QUALITY TOURING AND ADV MOTORCYCLE RIDING GEAR.

I ride in all the gear, all the time. Recently, I tested my gear on an unplanned pavement slide. I'm okay! My gear wasn't. The silver lining was an opportunity to shop for a replacement jacket and pants.

What's the first thing you look for when buying riding gear? Everyone's answers vary by preference, riding style, geography, seasons, bikes...and experience. Based on my experience, I want the best gear.

I turned to KLIM for their strong reputation and for the wide selection in high-end gear. KLIM designs and manufactures motorcycle jackets, pants, gloves, base layers, boots, helmets, gloves, and tactical armored apparel.

Being a bit of a geek, I like to study product specifications. As a year-round distance rider, I need:

- Comfort: I look for style and fit and want gear made for tall women.
- Versatility: My preference is three to four season gear that is both waterproof and breathable.
- Protection: I need high abrasion resistant fabrics and armor.
- Cost: The highest possible quality for the price is always the winner.

Quality versus cost is not always easy to evaluate. I've learned, however, that I spend more overall when I purchase something of lesser quality (because it was less expensive) and later replace that item because it's inefficient or uncomfortable. In five years, I've

gone through as many helmets. And I've come to this conclusion: if it compromises my safety or cuts short my ride, then it isn't worth my time or money.

KLIM carries two main kits (jacket and pants) for women: the Artemis, in an ADV style, and the Altitude for touring. Given my riding style, my choice was the Altitude. Here's a summary of the jacket specs:

Abrasion resistance: 840 Cordura fabric in abrasion zones; goat leather reinforced elbows and forearms.

- Armor: Integrated D30 impact protection armor rated CE Level 1 in shoulders, elbows, and back with adjustable pockets.
- Waterproof: Gore-Tex 2-layer shell.
- Vents: two forearms, two back, two chest, and two cross-core vents.
- Pockets: two front, two internal, one hidden (passport) pocket behind back pad, one forearm ID/debit card slot pocket.
- Other: antimicrobial liner, zippered hip gussets, sliding

Badlands Pro A3 in action.

