

Kuji Reflectek Helmet

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Coming into a new bike patrol season with my officers begging for new helmets, I was excited when I was asked to test the new Kuji Reflectek Police cycling helmet from Ironman. When I received the helmet, I immediately took it to work to show it off. Several members of the bike unit tried the helmet for fit and comfort. They were very impressed, as was I. The Coolmax comfort pads covering the entire forehead area of the helmet made it extremely comfortable and are thin enough that the helmet will fit almost any rider without creating hot spots.

The Sure Fit Dial Retention System sealed the deal in ensuring a comfortable fit. This system made adjusting the helmet simple while securing it to the part of the body which protects the brain. Once dialed in, it stayed dialed in. Our current helmets tend to loosen during rides, but the Ironman maintained its fit. Another impressive feature about the helmet was that it was molded rather than taped together. This adds strength and durability.

I was also impressed with the vents. The front of the helmet has six very large vents, which let the air flow freely through the helmet. With a total of sixteen vents, the helmet kept me cool during my rides. The visor is vented as well, allowing you to suck up as much air as possible.

The rear of the helmet boasts the new Reflectek material, which can be seen up to distances of 200 yards. This should certainly cover any conspicuity concerns at night. Unfortunately for all you stealthy pedal prowlers, you can't get the helmet without this feature.

After having given this helmet the work-over for a month, I am impressed with its comfort, large portholes, Coolmax padding, and Sure Fit Dial Retention system. Ironman has created a helmet which meets our needs, and the price is right. With a purchase price of \$25, the Kuji Reflectek helmet should fit in nicely to any department's budget.

Ironman helmets by Kuji are available through the IPMBA Product Purchase Program. Contact Bill Paine at painews@aol.com.

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