

Sweat GUTR by Tunnel Vision

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Summer is here and the hottest days of riding are upon us. As the mercury goes higher, water consumption goes up, undershirts stay wet, gloves get soaked, helmet pads saturate and, worst of all, we sweat on our glasses. When sweat falls from your forehead to your lenses it causes all kinds of problems. Your vision becomes blurry and limited. You have to stop to wipe your glasses off, that is, if you can find something dry with which to wipe them!

Keep your helmet strapped and your glasses on because the people at Tunnel Vision have the product for you, the Sweat GUTR. The Sweat GUTR uses a patented MicroLip design to channel sweat from your forehead down the side of your face and away from your glasses. The more you sweat the better it works. The Sweat GUTR is made from soft PVC, so it is non-absorbent, hypoallergenic, lightweight, and easy to clean. One size fits all as it uses Velcro and elastic bands to adjust for comfort, and it is sleek enough to fit below your helmet.

I've had the pleasure of using a Sweat GUTR as temperatures in Ohio have risen into the 80's and 90's. Prior to its arrival I spent time in the yard cutting down six shrubs and four trees. I stopped many times to wipe off my forehead and clean my lenses. I remember telling my son, "I wish that Sweat GUTR was here." The Sweat GUTR arrived at my house on the next day, of course, so my first chance to use it came while digging out all of the stumps I'd created. In the hours I spent outside bending and digging and sweating I never had to stop working to wipe sweat from my glasses. Just a twist of my head and the sweat ran down my face, away from my eyes and lenses. I wore the Sweat GUTR for most of the day to see how comfortable it was and I had no problems at all.

I took the Sweat GUTR to work to put it to the real test. I wore it just below my helmet, and as I rode I experienced all of the moisture of a summer tour of duty, with one notable exception – my glasses stayed clear. The Sweat GUTR worked just as well with my helmet on as it did in my yard. I rode for hours with no discomfort. At the end of my shift I ran it under water and left it to dry in my locker. It's now a part of my duty gear.

In our jobs you never know when things will go bad. If your luck is like mine it'll all come down just as a big drop of sweat hits your lens. With the Sweat GUTR that won't be a possibility. The Sweat GUTR is a product that lives up to its claims. If you're wearing sunglasses to stop the sun, you should be wearing a Sweat GUTR to stop the sweat.

The Sweat GUTR can be ordered from Tunnel Vision for \$14.99. Visit www.sweatgutr.com, call 972-839-7333, or email Greg Thurmond at gmthurmond@comcast.net.

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