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Product Review

Fog City's Hyper Optiks Light Reflective Anti Fog Visor Insert

Two Perspectives

By Dale Stark - Arai

by Marina Pelrin - Shoei



I took the insert home and installed it on my Arai Signet GT visor. The installation was pretty straight forward—you start off with a clean and dry visor-shield. The instructions ask you to place a white sticker on the exterior of the visor with a center line down the vertical axis. Then bend the insert slightly so as it will fit on the inside portion of the visor

Most of us have been stuck out on the road wearing a visor that is too dark or one that isn't dark enough. For those of us who can't fit a pair of sunglasses under our full-faced helmets, there has been no alternative for all-day riding than to bring two shields along. Attempting to fix this problem, The Fog City

and align the center line

with

the one on the white sticker. You are reminded not to touch the adhesive part with your fingers, as the oil may cause the adhesive to be less affective and the only set the insert to the visor one time. After the installation you are instructed to let the visor sit for 8 hours so that the insert has time to fully set. I think that for most people will be a relatively easy install.



Ok now that we're ready to put the visor to the helmet and truly test it out. I noticed that the visor is now almost impossible to fully close. Once the visor is down as far as it will go, it takes a lot of strength to lift it back up again. This is due to the contact between the seal on the helmet and the insert, the added width of the insert was too great to allow it to close or open properly, (this may be diminished or reduced by setting the insert, higher on the visor than I did). So now let's hit the road and see what this insert can do.

The optics seem to be fine with no visible distortion noticeably. The color when in not in the sun light is a very light green, but when in the sun, it turns to a moderate blue/gray. I noticed that the sun needed to be directly hitting the insert to make it change to it's darkest color, if the sun was hitting the insert at an angle the color change was not significant. The color change does occur quickly though. It did block out the unwanted UV, and I only noticed a slight increase in nighttime staring (blurring) of lights. When it was a little overcast or hazy, is when this seemed to be the perfect application for this product. However, I know that for me it isn't/wasn't quite dark enough on bright days.

Hyper Optiks Light Reactive Anti-fog visor insert (whew!) has sought to give riders the option of carrying only one shield with their Hyper Optiks insert. As advertised, the Fog City insert turns to a dark blue tint almost immediately upon contact with the sun. While riding during the day, I had no reminder it was there except for the blue world surrounding me. The static template used to apply the actual insert was easy to use making the Fog City insert easy to install.

The Fog City Hyper Optiks Light Reactive Anti-fog visor costs \$29.95 and can be purchased at the House of Motorcycles.

During night riding, I did experience a small amount of reflection from street lights, but once I got to a dark street, I couldn't even tell the insert was there, but it was mildly distracting for me. I also found that it wasn't as dark as the smoked visor I'm used to wearing on my Shoei. The strong point about this visor though, was that it was great at keeping the visor from fogging up. During night driving and while sitting at a stop light with the visor closed, I did not experience any fogging up.



When all is said however, this visor does not solve the problem of carrying two shields. As even the packaging warns of not using it at night, it basically defeats the purpose of a clear shield. For fog prevention however, it is very useful.

New Red Hot Riders Vice President Appointed

You probably know Chris Crawford as our Membership Chairman. Chris has been very successful in increasing the membership from 120 to 190 since January. He also provides data for mailing the newsletter and recently organized a club ride to the Bluesapalooza blues festival. When Chris volunteered to fill the vacant Vice President position the Executive Committee jumped at the opportunity. Chris is an active street rider and, more recently, dual-purpose riding has become a passion. Thanks for all your efforts Chris!



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Speaker Report SD Off-Road Coalition

By Andy Mansker
Our August speaker was Julie Allen, Vice Chairperson for the San Diego Off-Road Coalition. Our other speaker backed out at the last moment and we really appreciate Julie adjusting her plans to make our meeting at the last minute. The organization is fighting a political battle to keep land open to off road sports. They are currently lobbying against the S21 Desert Closure Act. Their push for better law enforcement at Glamis led to a reduction in problems in the riding area. The group is now hiring their own lawyers and environmentalists/biologists to combat the opposition using accurate and up to date information. If you would like to get involved, or just read up on some of the issues, visit their booth at the Off-Road Exposition on November 16 and 17. You can also check out their web site at: www.sdorc.org



Julie Allen, Vice Chair for the San Diego Off-Road Coalition, educating the Red Hot Rider membership.

Table with 2 columns: Dale-Arai and a list of criteria (Instructions, Ease of use, Build quality, Usefulness, Aesthetics, Score) with corresponding star ratings.

Table with 2 columns: Marina-Shoei and a list of criteria (Instructions, Ease of use, Build quality, Usefulness, Aesthetics, Score) with corresponding star ratings.

1 = poor 2 = fair 3 = good 4 = very good 5 = excellent

Julian Fire Fundraiser Ride

The Fundraiser ride for the Pines Fire Relief Fund was a great success. About twelve Red Hot Rider members met a Packards in Ramona. We followed the group out of Ramona, but took the fast track using Old Julian Highway. After arriving we met with the group and our club made a donation. There was a good mix of people and bikes.

We want to thank Keith Palmateer and Martha Dean for organizing the event and raising \$802.12 for the fund!

Baby Butt 1000 - LAST CHANCE!

Join the Red Hot Riders on Sept. 21-22 and ride a thousand miles in a day, from San Diego to Laughlin, Nevada, the long way around! All qualified finishers will receive a commemorative award in recognition of their accomplishment and the opportunity to register with the Iron Butt Association for official Saddlesore 1000 certification. Entries are limited. For further event information, please visit www.redhotriders.com or call Eric Levy at (858) 635-6729.



Keith Palmateer passing the hat for the Julian Fire Fundraiser. Thanks for all your efforts Keith!

Club Meetings

Club meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at:
 Acapulco Restaurant and Cantina
 8998 Miramar Road
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 Dinner: 6:00 pm
 Meeting: 7:00 pm

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EVENT CALENDAR

Sept	11 Wed Club Meeting
	21,22 Sat-Sun Baby Butt 1000
Oct	9 Wed Club Meeting
Dec	2 Mon Track Day (Willow Springs)

Next Meeting: 9/11/02

Pat Matter, San Diego rep for Chatterbox communication systems, will be the guest speaker for our September 11th meeting. If you're inspired to buy, Pat has arranged for a sale on Chatterbox gear at House of Motorcycles on Saturday, September 14. She'll be there to help advise you on your selection and will install the system for free!

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