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RC Message – February 2020



Brothers and Sister in Christ, good day to you all. Last month, a graphic with “7 Motorcycle Safety Tips” was distributed. This month we’ll touch on the first tip: Always Wear a Helmet.

With California being a Helmet Law state, there’s no getting away riding your motorcycle AT ANY TIME legally without wearing a helmet. Instead of thinking of “being told” to wear a helmet, the approach should shift to how wearing a helmet can significantly lower risk of serious injury or death, and how important it is to get the best protection rather than just meet the bare minimum. The following is directly from the California Motorcycle Handbook:

Found at <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/wcm/connect/af13374c-aa57-4f2b-9ac9-aa3fdc419cc9/dl665.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=>

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“All riders and passengers are required per CVC §27803 to wear a U.S. DOT compliant motorcycle safety helmet when riding a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle. The motorcycle safety helmet must be certified by the manufacturer stating the helmet complies with U.S. DOT Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. Head injuries account for the majority of serious and fatal motorcyclist injuries and, with few exceptions, head injuries are reduced by properly wearing a motorcycle safety helmet. Here are some facts to consider:

- Most collisions happen on short trips (less than five miles long).**
- Most riders are riding slower than 30 mph when a collision occurs. At these speeds, a U.S. DOT compliant motorcycle safety helmet can cut both the number and the severity of head injuries by 50 percent.**
- A non-U.S. DOT compliant helmet generally has very thin liners and protective padding. These types of helmets lack the strength, size, and ability to protect the rider during a collision.**
- A non-U.S. DOT compliant helmet may look like U.S. DOT compliant helmets and may be sold alongside U.S. DOT compliant helmets. Make sure the U.S. DOT certification is on the helmet you wish to purchase. Non-U.S. DOT compliant helmets may be referred to as novelty helmets, rain bonnets, lids, loophole lids, beanies, or brain buckets.**

A U. S. DOT compliant helmet may be decorated by the owner with stick-on items such as decals, Mohawks, Viking horns, etc. and will not affect the safety properties of the helmet. In a collision, regardless of speed, if you are wearing a U.S. DOT compliant motorcycle safety helmet you are three times more likely to survive a head injury than if you are not wearing a U.S. DOT compliant motorcycle safety helmet.” –CA DMV Motorcycle Handbook pages 8-9

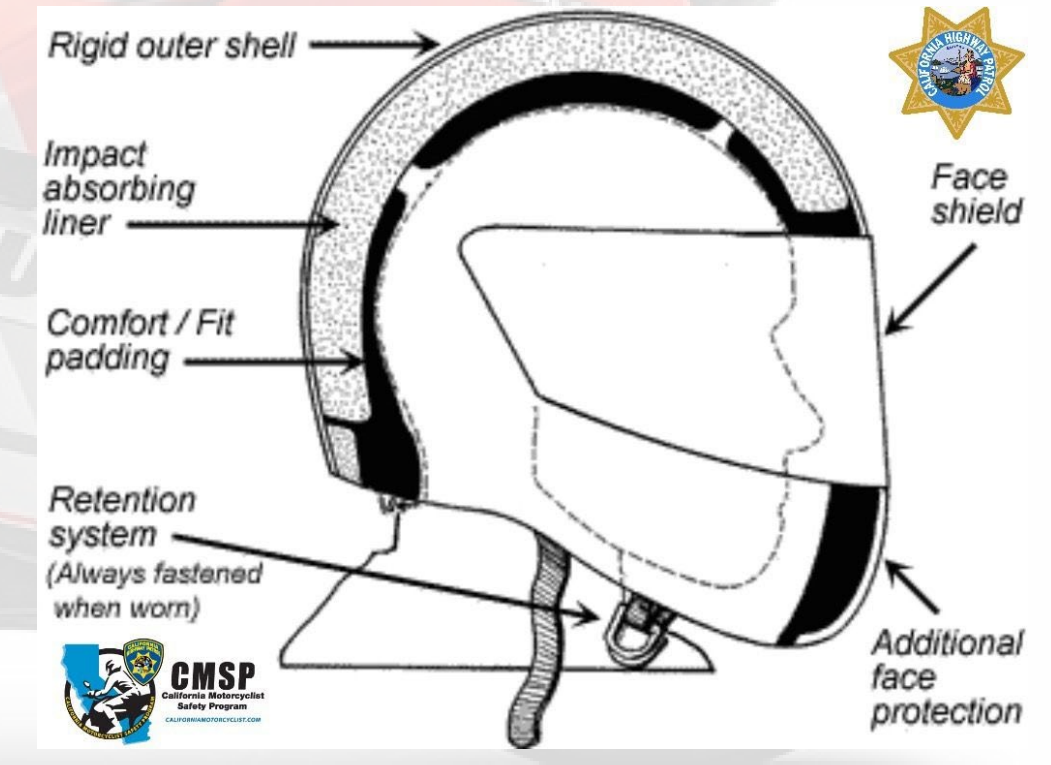
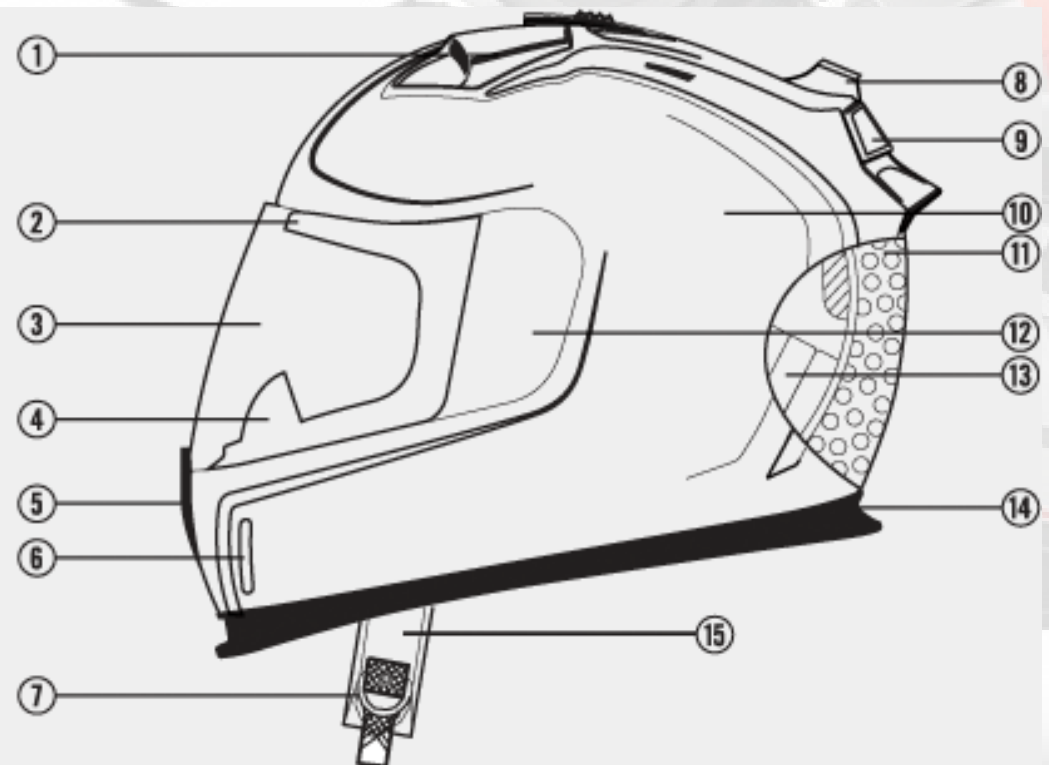
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“There are three types of helmets to consider: A half shell, three quarters or full-face helmet. The FULL-FACE helmet with a lock-in visor, offers the best coverage and protection to the back sides of your head.”
 – CA DMV Motorcycle Handbook page 9

- ① SUPER VENT
- ② EYEPORT GASKET
- ③ PRO SHIELD
- ④ BREATH DEFLECTOR
- ⑤ MOUTH VENT
- ⑥ SIDE VENT
- ⑦ DOUBLE "D" RING
- ⑧ SPOILER
- ⑨ REAR VENT
- ⑩ OUTER SHELL
- ⑪ IMPACT ABSORBENT LINER
- ⑫ SIDE PLATE
- ⑬ COMFORT LINER
- ⑭ BASE GASKET
- ⑮ CHINSTRAP



#22 Why Should You Wear A Full-face Helmet?



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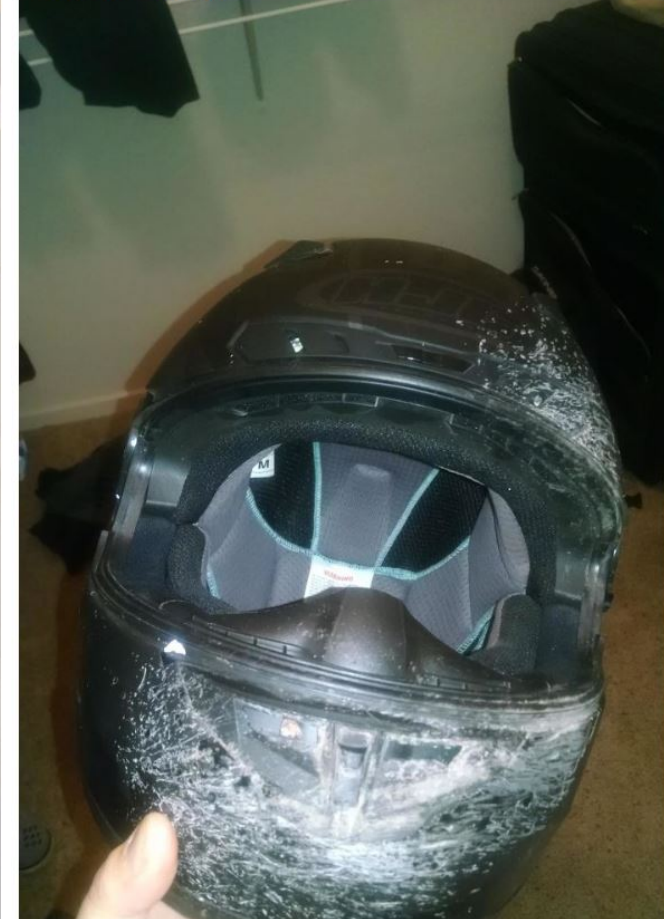
A few notes on FULL-FACE Helmets



#16 This Is Why You Wear A Full Helmet. My Friend Was Hit By Someone Who Ran A Red Light. If He Had Wore A Skull Cap, He'd Have No Lower Jaw



#27 Helmets Are Replaceable, Heads Are Not. Be Safe, Not Sorry



#21 Your Life Isn't Worth You Wanting To Feel The Wind On Your Face



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“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others”
-Philipians 2:3-4 (ESV)

Considering others’ interests as more important than our own links us to Christ, who was the true example of humility. Showing genuine interest in others is a positive step forward in maintaining unity among believers.

I don’t mean to rip on any rider that doesn’t have a full-face helmet. Please do not take the information I am sharing as shaming or anything of the sort. Your safety is important to SO many people; your family, your friends, your coworkers, and the future souls you will reach to demonstrate the love of Christ. Take a minute to reflect on all those in your life that would be affected if you were to ever sustain injuries that could easily be prevented by using a full-face helmet. Your safety is paramount and far more valuable than just the bare minimum.

Obviously, it is our choice which compliant helmet to utilize. As your Brother in Christ [BiC], I am sharing critical information on how we can all better protect ourselves whilst on our motorcycles carrying out the mission to change the world one heart at a time.

May the Lord continue to bless you and protect you.

Ride Safe.