SUOMY MX JUMP HELMET

PRODUCT: The Suomy MX Jump helmet claims to be the lightest competition and approved helmet sold in the United States. At 2.5 pounds, it is both ECE 22.05 certified and DOT approved, which are both race approved by every major U.S. and international motorcycle race organization. The exterior shell has been designed to reduce impact angles, improve aerodynamic flow and accommodate most modern neck braces. The MX Jump uses a TRICARBOCO (carbon/kevlar/aramid resin) shell for strength and resiliency, and the inner liner uses EPS chan-

nels, a Ram air duct and functional exhaust vents for superior airflow.

POSITIVE: This helmet is not just light, it feels mountain bike-feathery! We've probably sold a dozen of them on rides where we let other riders just hold it. We like the fit, the eyeport is plenty large for good vision, and airflow is so good that in cold weather we actually had to tape off the vent openings. But the real win is the weight, running nearly a half-pound less than two of the top makes in the helmet arena. And while that doesn't seem like a huge number, to an offroader, a guy who rides on his dirt bike for one-, two- or three-hour stints, it's huge!

NEGATIVE: Make sure you try one on before purchasing. The sizing is a bit different than other makes, running on the small side.

BOTTOM LINE: This helmet gets a resounding thumbs pointed to the moon. The looks drew mixed results, but the weight factor proved intoxicating. And on our long off-road forays, it equals less neck fatigue, more energy, and a harder and longer riding mode of operation.

PRICE: They sell for \$399.95 for most graphics, \$369.95 for solid colors and \$449.95 for Monster Energy graphics.

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