



Product Evaluation: Helmet Of The Month NEXX X-60 Ice



I'm looking ahead, not looking back. That's what the NEXX X-60 line of helmets is about. While it may not be everyone's cup of tea, I dig the Euro-scooter form and beauty of this helmet. It's definitely not your old-fashioned three-quarter touring helmet, it's urban and cutting edge. The X-60 presents tasteful details and a three-dimensional look that I like.

The exterior is an ATR shell (advanced thermo resin) finished in satin black with leather trim around the edges and a metal band across the back that wraps around for decoration. The orange stitching on the black leather sets it off nicely.

The interior is a supersoft, one-piece shell held in with Velcro strips. I like that the lining is one piece, and there are no snaps for interior trim removal. It makes for easy removal and washing. There's also a nice soft neck roll at the rear, and the interior is a soft, anti-sweat, and anti-allergic fabric.

The factory Lexan shield visor is a lightly tinted, fighterpilot style with reinforcements riveted at the corners where the pivots hold it to the helmet, giving it a tough, heavy-duty look. There are no detents or ratchets for lowering the visor, but friction allows it to hold in any spot, from full open to full down position. Different grades of tint or a full clear visor are available as accessories.

The chin strap has a soft, wraparound pad where it contacts your skin, and secures with a standard D-ring configuration. A snap at the end of the chin strap ensures that it doesn't flap in the wind, all nice touches. The X-60 is DOT-approved and there's even a youth version available.

No more plain three-quarter helmets for me, please. *Easy Riders* was so long ago. The NEXX X-60 Ice is a stellar example of the future of open-face helmets, and that's fine with me. —Steve Lita



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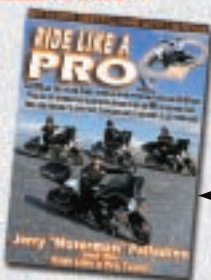
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