

DON'T SWEAT IT

Performance Under Gear

Up until this year, my under gear has included underwear, socks, a T-shirt and a back protector. Dressed this way, leathers are always a struggle to get on, with the liner sticking to calves, knees, forearms and elbows, making getting dressed a chore. It's tempting to buy leathers two sizes too big just so you can dress without inflicting a hernia.

Then, when you hop on a bike the leathers strangle your knees and need to be readjusted a couple times before they even think about settling in where they should be. Plus, within five minutes, everything is soaked in sweat with the leathers' slick liner sticking mercilessly to your skin, further limiting movement. After comes the dreaded post-ride disrobing, which always involves two people, sweat everywhere and many a disgusted look on the faces of onlookers.

I didn't realize there was such a simple solution until I met Todd Ruston from PUG (Performance Under Gear). He gave me the speech on how his product breathes and wicks sweat away, so it doesn't saturate your leathers, while offering protection from a whole host of sweat borne bacterial infections that affect everyone from pro-wrestlers to hockey players, and basically anyone

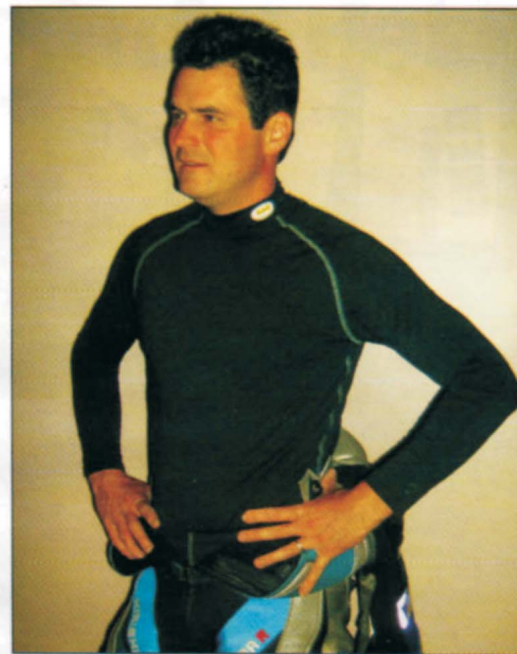
wearing gear over and over that gets sweat-ed in.

PUG wear is manufactured using Dupont's Coolmax Extreme FreshFX technology, which retains 14 times less moisture than a cotton shirt, yet dries four times faster, ensuring you arrive at your destination comfortable and dry. Retaining perspiration next to the skin leads to bacteria-causing odours, so with the Coolmax freshFX technology you won't stink when you get there either.

For riders that only travel with a tank bag, maybe you won't need six shirts for a three-day ride anymore!

The engineers also discovered that when your body produces sweat that can't evaporate quickly for cooling, your core temperature rises and you produce even more sweat. The Coolmax fabric makes sweat almost a non-issue. Through the benefits described above, Coolmax has also been proven to reduce skin temperature and lower heart rates during exercise all the while deterring dehydration.

In use, the garment slips on super easily and makes even proper-fitting leathers feel roomy. The leathers slide on like track pants and shift to where they are supposed to be with ease. On the track the leathers were no longer binding as I moved around on the bike. After the session, the leathers came off easily and the PUG wear dried



incredibly fast. I'm a believer for life!

My fellow PUG pilots include: Kevin Schwantz, Pascal Picotte, Francis Martin, Jordan Szoke, and newcomer Brett McCormick. PUG wear can be purchased from Bickle Racing or Riders Choice. See www.performanceundergear.com for more information.

— John Sharrard