

Silver Eagle Microfiber T-shirt

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ONE DRAWBACK TO RIDING in hot weather is that you sweat. Aside from the dehydration that takes place, if you are wearing cotton clothes they tend to get pretty wet. There have been times where I have sweated so much that getting my jacket sleeves off my sticky arms becomes an exercise in frustration, and of course my cotton shirt sticks to me, raising the discomfort level.

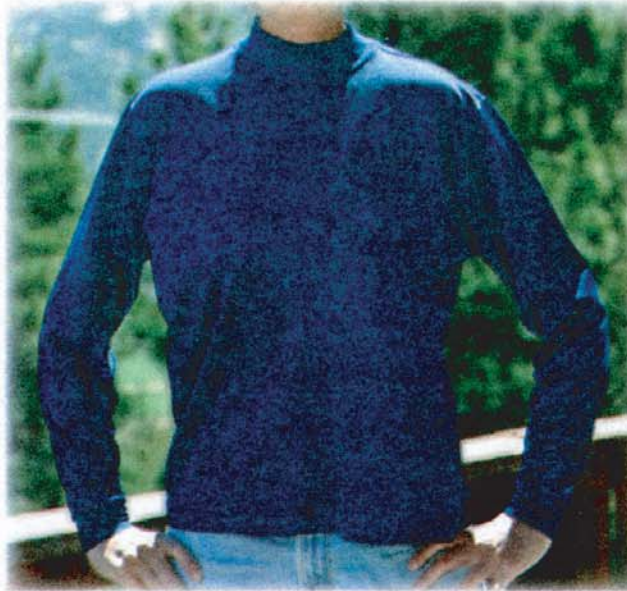
Enter Silver Eagle Outfitters and their Microfiber Mock Turtleneck T-shirts. Available only in long sleeves (they also have Microfiber Tees without the turtleneck in short and long sleeves), the Microfiber Tee is designed to get the sweat away from your body so that you can enjoy a more comfortable ride. Being made of silk-weight, microfiber polyester means this tee is very soft, and it is so comfortable that you might forget you are wearing it. In the winter I wore the long-sleeve Microfiber Tee underneath a regular cotton long-sleeve T-shirt or sweatshirt, and the only reason I remembered I was wearing it is because I didn't feel the cotton of the outer shirt. Other fabrics have a certain degree of roughness that the microfiber material doesn't.

Summertime riding is the real reason I wanted a Microfiber Tee, and it has not disappointed. Again, it's great to wear as an undershirt for those cool mornings when you need to wear layers, and when it

warms up in the afternoon the Microfiber Tee works well by itself. The real benefit is noticed when removing my jacket after a very hot ride—the sleeves don't stick!

After a few days of hot-weather riding, the shirt will start to exhibit signs of odor. But that's easily solved by handwashing it after a day of riding then hanging it up to dry. (Handwashing is for when you're away from home, otherwise it can be washed with other laundry and also thrown in the dryer.) Most likely it is dry by the next morning, and even if it isn't, it dries pretty quickly while on the road.

Another benefit of a microfiber shirt is the personal air conditioner it becomes when you deliberately wet it down before riding. This technique works great on those really hot riding days when it seems like the air is on fire. And although the shirt dries pretty quickly, the benefits of stopping again to wet it down far outweigh any inconvenience this may cause. In my opinion, it's much better to stop often on hot days than it is to try to just ride through the heat.



The Long-Sleeve Microfiber Mock Turtleneck Tees are available in sizes Small to 4XLarge and come in five colors (black, white, gray, black cherry, or ensign blue). They normally retail for \$33 but are currently on sale for \$25. The Short- and Long-Sleeve Microfiber Tees are available in the same colors and sizes, but retail for \$25 and \$29 respectively (add \$2 for the two largest sizes). For more information or to order these items, visit www.silvereagleoutfitters.com or call 888.672.6963. Silver Eagle Outfitters also offer other cooling apparel for motorcyclists. **FZ**