

Teflon Multi-Use Lubricant

INNOVATION OF THE MONTH

DUPONT™ TEFLON MULTI-USE is a water-repelling, wax-based lubricant containing Teflon® and organic molybdenum that goes on wet to penetrate parts deeply and sets up as a dry, long lasting film. DuPont says that they have never put Teflon in a spray can before and that their proprietary self-cleaning technology will keep the lubricated parts clean for longer life and better working action. Suggested applications include, among other things, cables and, oh yes, chains.

We first tried the product on a brake and clutch lever pivot and a pair of throttle cables. The spray dried after a couple hours to a semi-soft, waxy substance that was dry to the touch. We were skeptical, but after a couple week's use, the cables and levers still glide freely and the lever pivot joints show no evidence of dirt accumulation.

There are many brands and types of motorcycle chain lube. But most of them, regardless of manufacturer claims, will fling off and make a hard-to-clean mess of the back of your bike, some worse than others. We were especially interested to see



how this product, with its dry-film protection, would perform.

First, the chain was thoroughly cleaned and run for approximately ten miles to eliminate any lingering trace of cleaning solution. Then, with the bike on the center stand, the rear wheel was spun and its O-ring chain was hosed down liberally at the side plates and at both ends of the rollers. The ultra-thin lube behaved as claimed, and wicked into every nook and cranny like cockroaches into woodwork when the lights go on. We let it set up overnight.

After 300 miles, 25 of which were on a powder-fine-dirt road, the chain is still clean, quiet, and smooth. Most surprisingly though, is that the rear wheel is absolutely free of lube splatter. This, in itself, would cause us to recommend readers give the DuPont spray a try. The price is right, too, a 4-oz. Squeeze Bottle lists for \$3.95, and the bike-sized 11-oz. Aerosol Spray can has an MSRP of \$6.95. Look for it also as DuPont Teflon Chain-Saver.

—Steve Larsen

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Joe Rocket Alter Ego Pants

JOE ROCKET'S ALTER EGO clothing is designed to adapt to different weather conditions. Impressed with their Alter Ego jacket, we expected good things from the pants. An outer layer of "Rock-Tex 660" breathable waterproof fabric covers the entire pant. For hot-weather, a small three-inch wide strip zips off, running from one knee to the other across the butt to reveal a mesh liner. Additionally, a lightly insulated liner can also be zipped inside the pants for chilly mornings. Using dual-density knee armor and thin hip padding for protection, the pants also include two pockets and a rear zipper to attach to jackets. The sides of each leg are also zippered to ease entry and exit, and an adjustable waistband uses two hook and loop closures.

Tested over the course of six months from the early fall to early spring in Florida, I found that, like the Alter Ego jacket, the pants are not warm enough below 50° F. But unlike the jacket, the pants are also not effective dealing with high temperatures. The venting strip is too



small. However, the water-proofing of the pants is good—water never made its way past the outside textile layer of the pants.

The pants can be worn by themselves or over jeans, but worn as overpants the utility of the narrow mesh strip is diminished even further. Also, like Joe Rocket's Phoenix mesh pants, the pants' cut is poor, with a droopy butt and a low crotch. And the inseam is 31.5"—regardless of the size ordered, meaning average-sized riders will find them slightly short and long-leggers need not apply. As I'm tall, the only way I found the length bearable (as the knee armor rode up too high) was to remove the knee armor...so much for safety. Finally, the waterproof inner layer has elastic angle closures that are binding. Available in a black/gray combination in men's sizes Small to 2XL, they retail for \$199.99. We rated the Alter Ego jacket an A, but the pants don't earn more than a C.

—LT Snyder

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