

Ever hear of Hatch gloves? Yes? No? Maybe? More and more people are asking for them by name these days and rightfully so. The Hatch people are marketing a very high quality product at a very competitive price, an art that's in danger of being lost to us all.

I had heard a couple of the folks around the insufferably hip offices at Challenge mention something about a new nylon glove. Not having seen any, I didn't give the matter much thought other than to wonder what a nylon motocross glove would be like. It wasn't until a few weeks later, after I had come across a pair of these puppies in person that I began to seriously take an interest.

A nylon motocross glove. How simple. Light, cool, inexpensive and durable. Must be neat. When I first showed up at the track with these beauties, I was shocked at the response of the other riders. It seems that most everyone had heard of Hatch gloves, or nylon gloves, or both. It turns out that Hatch has developed something of a reputation for making spiffy gloves. Everyone wanted to try a pair and asked where they could get some.

Aye, there's the rub. It would appear that many dealers have taken to stocking nothing but the more expensive varieties of handgear. You may have to insist that your dealer contact:

Helmet House
2115 Colorado Ave.
Santa Monica, CA 90404
(213) 828-6405

The Hatch nylon glove may well be available through other distributors, but as far as we know, Helmet House is the main supplier. Ask your dealer.

About the glove: The nylon glove features a soft cowhide palm, reinforced in the thumb and forefinger area and rubber protection on the back and knuckles. The entire top portion of the glove is made from lightweight nylon with a thin, rubberized backing. This allows the glove to breath while maintaining its strength and durability. The rubberized nylon provides just a modicum of stretchiness, making for a very comfortable fit. The gloves are extremely comfortable to wear, due in part to the air circulation through the nylon back.

Another reason for the good feel of this glove is the fact that Hatch gloves have the fingers all cut on a bias. What this means is that the fingers are pre-curved, much like they'll be when on your hand. This means less leather to bunch up on the inside of your fingers when you

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PRODUCT EVALUATION:

By Mark Kiel

Hatch Nylon MX Gloves



hold the grip. Hatch has pioneered this design and you'd be surprised at how many expensive gloves have overlooked this simple but valuable feature.

Now for the kicker; the Hatch nylon gloves go for a paltry \$9.95 retail. When compared to other ten-dollar gloves, the Hatch nylon stands head and shoulders above its compe-

dition. Some other gloves will provide more palm protection or maybe a little longer life, but you can expect to lay out three times the lettuce for such an item. At ten bucks per copy, I just don't see how you can do much better than this nylon number. I'm quite happy with mine and will keep you informed as to their longevity. ●