

# Turn Up The

# HEAT

**FOR THOSE RIDERS** who refuse to give in when the weather turns frosty, we offer this assortment of heated gear and accessories. These innovative products are designed to provide warmth safely and effectively for long periods, and many require little amperage to operate.

Not sure if it's worth the investment? Remember that keeping your core body temp warm will help keep you alert on cold rides — and keeping your fingers and toes from going numb will ensure you can use them. Also, if you don't see anything of interest here, check out the companies' web sites for other heated products they offer.



## HotHands

HotHands are air-activated hand and body warmers designed to go in pockets or between layers of clothing. These nontoxic, nonflammable warmers last from 10 to 18 hours and require no wires or batteries to work. Available in two sizes, they're odorless, disposable, and contain all-natural ingredients. From \$1.19 per pair. HeatMax, 505 Hill Rd., Dept. RB, Dalton, GA 30721, 800/432-8629, [www.heatmax.com](http://www.heatmax.com).

## Cozy-Feet

Made of polyester with thin, embedded brass coils, Cozy-Feet inserts heat up in seconds to a maximum of 98 degrees F. The inserts are powered by two AA batteries held in a small pouch that attaches to your ankle or calf with a Velcro strap. They're shockproof and low voltage. \$24.95. Indus-Tool, 300 N. Elizabeth St., Dept. RB, Chicago, IL 60607, 800/662-5021, [www.indus-tool.com](http://www.indus-tool.com).

## Lectra Sox

Originally designed for commercial fishermen in the North Atlantic, these heated socks are made of a comfortable wool blend. Inside the toe cavity is a battery-powered heating element that uses low amperage to prevent shocks or burns, even when wet. From \$27. Nordic Gear USA, PO Box 1010, Dept. RB, Morrisville, VT 05661, 800/526-3257, [www.nordicgear.com](http://www.nordicgear.com).

## Warm Wraps

Made of heat- and moisture-resistant material, these thin, electrically heated pads wrap over your bike's grips with Velcro. They draw only 1.6 amps and are easy to stow away. The wraps come in two sizes, for bars up to 36 or 44". \$45. Aerostich RiderWearhouse, 8 S. 18th Ave. W, Dept. RB, Duluth, MN 55806, 800/222-1994, [www.aerostich.com](http://www.aerostich.com).

## Handlebar Heaters

Designed to be installed inside handlebars, this heating unit warms the air in your bars by convection. It fits nearly all makes and models (except those with handlebar air reservoirs), as long as the bars are hollow. The system draws only 3 amps. \$46.99. J&P Cycles, 13225 Circle Dr., Dept. RB, Anamosa, IA 52205, 800/397-4844, [www.jpccycles.com](http://www.jpccycles.com).

## Heated Grips

Big Bike Parts offers heated grip kits for a number of metric bikes (grips for the Honda Gold Wing GL1500/1800 are shown here). The kit comes with a four-position control switch with an operating range of high/medium/low/off. From \$65.95. Big Bike Parts, 2300 Pioneer Ave., Dept. RB, Rice Lake, WI 54868, 888/BIG-BIKE, [www.bigbikeparts.com](http://www.bigbikeparts.com).

## Hot Grips

These heated grips come in several styles and a number of models to fit different brands of bikes. Options include handlebar-mounted heat controls and dashboard/fairing-mounted controls. An infinitely variable heat controller is also available. \$110. HG Direct, PO Box 5241, Dept. RB, Hamden, CT 06518, 203/407-1744, [www.hotgrips.com](http://www.hotgrips.com).

## System2 Lectric Vest

Widder's new electric vest uses thinner Thinsulate insulation than before, so it's less bulky under your riding jacket. The vest has a heated collar with ultra-suede lining, heated pockets, and a dual-slide zipper. Hidden snaps let you attach Lectric Arm Chaps. From \$131.99. Widder Enterprises, 942 E. Ojai Ave., Dept. RB, Ojai, CA 93023, 800/992-2653, [www.widder.com](http://www.widder.com).

## Thermokomfort Insoles

BMW's Thermokomfort Heated Insoles are a real treat for your feet, offering four temperature settings to ensure comfort down to -5 degrees F. Powered by two rechargeable NiMH batteries, not your bike's electrical system, the insoles provide heat even when you're off the bike. \$165. BMW Motorrad USA, [www.bmw-riders-gear.com](http://www.bmw-riders-gear.com).

## G3 Gloves

Made of exceptionally soft leather, this heated gauntlet-style motorcycle glove has a waterproof, breathable membrane, Thinsulate lining, and a gel palm. It's designed to warm the entire hand and the length of the fingers. The heating elements have a lifetime warranty. \$169. Gerbing's, 750 E. Dalby Rd., Dept. RB, Union, WA 98592, 800/646-5916, [www.gerbing.com](http://www.gerbing.com).

## Chilli Heated Waistcoat

Called a "vest" by us commoners, this machine-washable waistcoat features a coated nylon shell and breathable thermal insulation. The heating elements are sandwiched evenly between the layers of insulation to give a uniform spread of warmth. \$194.95. Sargent Cycle Products, 44 E. 1st St., Dept. RB, Jacksonville, FL 32206, 800/749-7328, [www.sargentcycle.com](http://www.sargentcycle.com).

## Kanetsu AirVantage Vest

While other heated vests can be tight-fitting or restrictive, the AirVantage is conveniently adjustable. By changing the amount of air in the insert, you can alter the fit and warming efficiency of the garment. Different adapters are available, including one for a cigarette plug lighter. \$237. Aerostich RiderWearhouse, 8 S. 18th Ave. W, Dept. RB, Duluth, MN 55806, 800/222-1994, [www.aerostich.com](http://www.aerostich.com).

## Custom Seat

Nothing warms up your rear on cold rides like a heated seat — and for the ultimate in comfort, order a custom-made one from Bill Mayer. Bill's motto is "Any bike, any butt." The Sport Special for the BMW K1200S is shown here. \$399-659. Bill Mayer Saddles, 350 Verano Dr., Dept. RB, Ojai, CA 93023, 800/242-7625, [www.billmayersaddles.com](http://www.billmayersaddles.com).

## Innovative Jacket

Made of lightweight Schoeller stretch material with conductive fabric internals, this washable jacket offers nine settings with a maximum temperature of 140 degrees F. It's powered by a small, ergonomically shaped lithium battery; accessory connectors for motorcycle battery harnesses are also available. \$699. Innovative Sports, 541/762-5151, [www.heatedjacket.com](http://www.heatedjacket.com). **RB**

