

✓ MXA TEAM TESTED SUOMY MX JUMP HELMET



WHAT IS IT? The Italian-made Suomy MX Jump helmet is the lightest lid we've come across since the days of the AXO carbon fiber helmet.

WHAT'S IT COST? \$349.95 (solid colors), \$389.95 (graphics), \$439.95 (CLS/Monster team replica).

CONTACT? Your local motorcycle and accessory dealer or www.suomyamerica.com.

WHAT STANDS OUT? Here's a list of things that stand out with the Suomy MX Jump helmet.

(1) Weight. The most noticeable attribute of the Suomy MX Jump helmet is the weight—or lack thereof. At a mere 2 pounds, 9 ounces (with graphics), this is the lightest helmet to come across our desk in quite some time. Bear in mind that most high-quality helmets fall in the realm of 3 pounds, 3 ounces. Suomy was able to knock weight off the MX Jump by using a fiberglass shell, a lightweight liner and grooved channels in the EPS foam interior. There aren't any gaudy wings or accents to add unnecessary weight.

(2) Liner. Suomy offers a liner in two sizes (medium or large) and cheek pads in varying densities. The standard liner/cheek pad pairing was very comfortable for most testers. All items are removable and can be washed repeatedly without disintegrating. We were able to reinstall the liner/cheek pads in under a minute. Unfortunately, the strap covers aren't removable.

(3) Shell. The Suomy MX Jump uses different foam densities to increase resistance in the event of a crash. Suomy was able to achieve this by creating channels in the shell around the crown of the head. Compared to an Arai or Shoei helmet, the Suomy MX Jump EPS interior

doesn't leave the impression of offering much in the way of impact absorption.

(4) Comfort. Testers were very impressed with the feel of the MX Jump; not a single rider complained about pressure-point problems. The Suomy helmet is easy to put on and surrounds the head well, although it doesn't have the form-fitting feel of a Shoei, Arai or Fly. Having said that, the MX Jump is several hundred dollars cheaper than the aforementioned helmets. As for ventilation, the MX Jump is in a league of its own. The numerous air intake and exhaust ports, along with the shell channels, encourage airflow. The eye port is very open and accepts most goggle brands. Of course, the light-as-air sensation when riding in the helmet is its most admirable quality. Testers noticed decreased neck strain compared to other helmets after riding a long moto in the MX Jump.

(5) Safety rating. The Suomy MX Jump helmet, handcrafted in Italy, is ECE 22-05 and DOT certified.

WHAT'S THE SQUAWK? We have a few complaints:

(1) A few test riders were actually turned off by how light the MX Jump helmet was. **(2)** The liner could stand to offer more give. **(3)** We wished that the liner strap covers were removable for washing.

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If you are looking for the lightest ECE-certified helmet we have ever tested, the Suomy Jump is a five-star helmet. The same goes for ventilation. Lightness and coolness aside, it is a quality helmet with few negatives.