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QWI Glove Review – January 2006

Hi folks. My name is JD and I test motorcycle products. This month I will review an unusual pair of gloves called Qwi Nerve Protection Motorcycle Gloves. The concept for these gloves was invented by an orthopedic surgeon to help out folks whose hands hurt, tingle or get numb because of specific types of pressure, like that experienced by professional truckers and bikers. Over time, these hand problems can result in carpal tunnel syndrome or Guyon's canal syndrome.

We've all been there. After a couple of hours of riding, you can feel the vibration in your hands, sometimes your fingers cramp up or your wrists hurt.

The pair that I tested are pigskin leather, three season, gauntlet gloves that have a bit of insulation and an adjustable wrist closure that you can tighten for a nice, tight fit. The gloves look like a regular pair of high quality, leather motorcycle gloves. The technology is on the inside and here's the deal on how the system works. Each glove has three, small gel packs under the leather. One gel pack is on each side of the hand and one gel pack runs across the hand at the base of the fingers. These gel packs keep the pressure and vibration off the nerves that run down the middle of your hands.

I've worn the gloves, while riding, for the past month. Overall, they feel really good. The leather is light enough and the gel packs small enough so that constant shifting and braking during city commutes are not a problem. I took the gloves on a two hour expressway speed run and forgot that I was wearing them within fifteen minutes. For an hour, I put a Qwi glove on one hand and one of my regular gloves on the other hand. I didn't feel a huge difference, but there definitely was a difference.



It was like the difference you feel with soft grips. At first you notice a big difference but after a while, you get used to the good feeling and don't really think about it. The biggest challenge I gave the gloves was a few long rides on a Triumph Sprint, not the most radical crotch rocket but a bike that makes my body hurt in several places. My hands always hurt on sport bikes. The gloves didn't take away the pressure on my hands but they did redirect the pressure and I didn't have to scream after an hour in the saddle.

So, what's the verdict? I like them. At \$45.00 a pair, they are not the cheapest gloves you can buy, nor are they the most expensive. During the different types of riding I did, they felt really good. I can't prove what the long term effects on my hands and arms might be with these Qwi gloves versus my regular gloves, but the technology makes sense. And in the short term, they do feel great. Check out the website at qwinerveprotector.com.

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