



1st Baker Built Air Wings

Value ●●●●●
Function Hot ●●●●○

Function Cold/Wet ●●●●●
Frontal Area ●●●●●

Baker Built Products, Inc.
11877 Walnut Grove Church Rd.
Ohio City, OH 45874
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Price: \$72.95
Warranty: 12 months
Colors: smoke, red, blue, clear, teal, purple

One of the originals, and still a true innovator in the field of air deflection devices for motorcycles, Baker Built Products (BBP) won this competition hands-down. The BBP Air Wings measured the smallest gap (air leak) between the deflector and fairing when closed, yet also the largest clearance for cooling air when opened. They showed the least amount of exposed frontal area to create drag, and most closely followed the airflow pattern of the fairing. BBP also offers the best warranty and the largest color selection, and is the only manufacturer to offer the option of break-resistant polycarbonate deflectors in addition to the standard acrylics.

As if that weren't enough, BBP is the only manufacturer of air deflection devices to offer optional, separately adjustable "uppers" and "lowers" that can be attached to the primary deflectors to increase both their effectiveness and versatility. Installation is simple and clean, requiring no drilling, and the quality of all the hardware is top-notch. In addition, this was the only air deflector design with two mounting arms rather than one, making for a more stable mount that better resisted flexing and vibration in the unit.

2nd Tulsa Wind Wings

Value ●●●●○
Function Hot ●●●●○

Function Cold/Wet ●●●●●
Frontal Area ●●●●●

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Huntington Beach, CA 92648
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Price: \$99.00
Warranty: 30 days
Color: smoke

Though just as wide as the Show Chrome and Markland units, the Tulsa deflectors employ a unique S-shape that helps reduce the frontal area to be pushed through the wind, while enhancing the unit's ability to draw in fresh air when open. Another plus for the Tulsa is the company's use of stainless steel for all mounting bracketry. Though the S-shape allows the Tulsa units to close tighter into the fairing than all the others except the Bakers, there is still a significant air leak gap, as can be seen in the photographs.

The Tulsa Wind Wings unique design was unanimously voted the best protection in the rain, significantly reducing the amount of water that made it back to the passenger, yet strangely didn't protect the rider quite as well as the Bakers.

These are quality units, well-designed and durable. In some situations, they might even be a serious challenge for the Baker Built products, but are held back in the final ratings by a higher price tag, much shorter warranty period, and the lack of any color selection. Still, these are the newest kids in the game, so they might be worth keeping an eye on.

