WE NEED to begin this particular article with a disclaimer, in order that it not be confused with most other product comparison articles published in MGN.

Most of our product comparisons are done as scientifically as possible, with each item tested under identical conditions to the others. Though this article began with that same premise, it soon became obvious that we simply couldn’t control the variable factors sufficiently, nor conduct the volume of tests required to meet our own criteria for a completely fair and impartial test. Even though we tested only the top four brands of air deflectors, we identified over 15 different models of motorcycles they could be used on, and among those 15 were dozens of variations in control factors, by model year, that could skew the results. Even when we attempted to reduce all factors to the lowest common denominator, we discovered that to achieve a truly scientific result would require over 240 individual test sequences, all conducted in a wind tunnel—and we couldn’t even find a wind tunnel large enough to accommodate a touring bike with two riders.

Without going into mounds of detail, suffice it to say that though every attempt was made in this article to keep the results as honest and fair as possible, this is not a scientific test, and most of the results are based on an average of testers’ opinions, rather than on certifiable, scientific facts.

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