

# FULL GEAR FOOL'S GEAR

**HELMET.** Most important piece of protective gear a rider can use. Protects against head injury, windblast, cold, and flying objects. Full-face helmet recommended

**FACESHIELD.** "Saves face." Any rider who's been hit in the face by stones, insects, or debris can tell you the benefits.

**GLOVES.** Keep hands comfortable, functional and protected. Comes in infinite variety for all seasons.

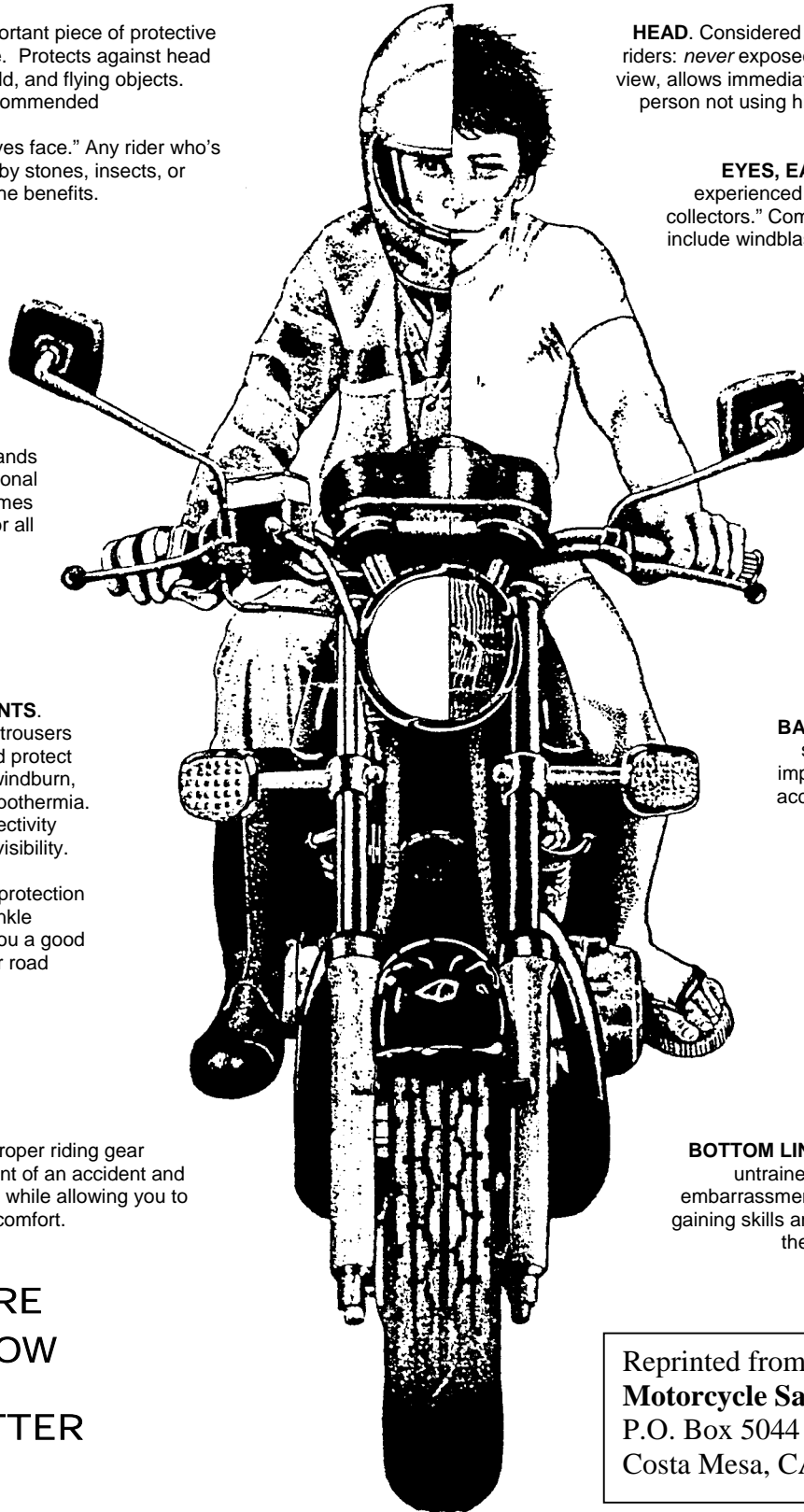
**JACKET AND PANTS.** Long-sleeves and trousers resist abrasion and protect against sunburn, windburn, dehydration, or hypothermia. Light colors or reflectivity increase a rider's visibility.

**BOOTS.** Provide protection against foot and ankle injuries and give you a good grip on footpegs or road surfaces.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Proper riding gear protects in the event of an accident and minimizes injuries, while allowing you to enjoy the sport in comfort.

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**HEAD.** Considered precious by knowledgeable riders: *never* exposed by the pro's. When fully in view, allows immediate identification of untrained person not using his. Hand out rider education info on sight

**EYES, EARS, AND FACE.** Known to experienced riders as "bug and garbage collectors." Common "bare face" symptoms include windblast-deafening and deformed, narrow-slit, watery eyes.

**HANDS *au naturel*** (not for long). Known to seize into curled position when exposed to cold; *not* genetically evolved to withstand abrasion.

**BARE LIMBS.** A phenomenon seen only on riders deemed impervious to any unavoidable accident or inclement weather. Subject to ridicule in riding circles.

**FLIP FLOPS.** Terminology for what sandals, toes and feet do upon contact with road surfaces, shift lever, brake pedal, foot pegs, or windblasts.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Fool's gear identifies an untrained rider. Learn how to avoid embarrassment, ridicule, and injury, while gaining skills and knowledge by contacting the Rider Course nearest you:

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