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been described as 'the Adventure rider's riders' and have spent over a decade traveling the globe on their two BMW motorcycles. Considered by many as the world's leading Motorcycle Explorers.

Lisa & Simon have been inspiring adventure since 2003, when they set out from their UK home on their incredible journey to ride to 122 countries and on all seven continents.

To date, the pair have travelled over

400,000 miles (643,737 km's), through 78 countries, traversed 27 deserts and smashed four world riding endurance records and are still on the road. Known for pushing the boundaries, the husband and wife team were the first to successfully traverse the Amazon Jungle unsupported, north to south on large capacity motorcycles.

As internationally renowned inspirational speakers, Lisa and Simon have shared their experiences and life lessons with over 100 live audiences around the globe, authored articles for top travel

and motorcycle publications and made over 40 international TV appearances, whilst being the focus of a BBC documentary.

Their dynamic website, 2RideTheWorld.com attracts over 1.6 million visitors and the 2 Ride The World Facebook fan page has garnered 20,000+ fans. Check out their website and find out for yourself what pushes them to explore the world.

WEBSITE: www.2ridetheworld.com



AVENTURO

Is this the perfect helmet?



Is there such a thing as the perfect helmet? Touratech believe they've made one that's pretty dam close. After 6-months

of riding with them, we have our own thoughts.

The German motorcycle accessory giant has come along way since it's inception in 1990.

Touratech, the one-time small, German Adventure bike part manufacturer, has grown. It's once short list of assorted cool accessories is now a 1,900 page catalogue consisting of every type of bolt on part imaginable and then a few extra. Their vast product list now covers adventure bikes, sports, cruisers, street and custom bikes. From hard-core Dakar rally bike

conversions to a bit of bling for your handlebars, they've got you covered.

The cool part to this black and yellow giant is that it's stayed true. The owners haven't sold out and the guys behind the brand still ride and do their own product testing.

Lisa and I slipped into the Companero riding suit some 4-years ago. Touratech's first foray into

AVENTURO BY



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It was only a matter of time before someone at Touratech HQ said “Lets make our own helmets to go with those suits.” Six months ago, we slid our heads into the Carbon Fibre Aventuro Adventure helmet; we are still wearing them today.

I’ve spent the last few weeks analysing my thoughts on the Aventuro helmet. I figured that before I sat down to write this review having a few well-worded observations, maybe even criticisms would make sense.

Hey, I’m not going to deny that we’re partial to being more than a little ‘Touratech’ed’, but I also want this

review to be taken as credible. But the more I’ve analysed the helmet, it’s design, how we use and abuse it and the way it performs, the more impressed I am by it.



WELL THOUGHT THROUGH

The Touratech Aventuro is full of well thought through features, that show the helmet designers actually ride bikes .

GREAT DESIGN

It's great, at last to see a helmet hit the market that ticks all the boxes and looks like it was conceived and designed by someone who actually rides a motorcycle.



In reality, Lisa and I take much of our gear for granted. Every day we perform a ceremony we've repeated tens of thousands of times. Riding suit on, poppers popped, zips zipped, MX boots on, buckles locked and fastened. Key slid into ignition, arse on bike and finally helmet slid on head and secured with a firm yank on the strap. What that really means is the more aware we are of a piece of our gear, the more likely it's because it isn't performing. Items of gear really only get our attention when we're having a problem with it.

So, what is a perfect helmet? For that matter what is a good helmet? How



do we judge what makes a great helmet?

There is no 'one-size-fits-all' solution. We all expect, even demand our gear to perform at differing levels and to differing standards and then judge in hindsight how well we spent our money.

So, I guess it makes sense to measure our thoughts on the helmet against the expectations set by the manufacturers marketing spin. Does it perform to the level they're promoting?

ROAD, OFF-ROAD OR DUAL SPORT

Changing the Aventura's mode takes seconds and is super easy.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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First Impressions, graphics and design. No one ever got into biking because they ‘didn’t’ want to look cool. So, first things first, how does the helmet look?

My first reaction to pulling the Aventuro out of the box was “wow, it looks great!”

I’ve always been partial to the enduro look and the Aventuro helmet has enough curves and shape to make it stand out. The overall look and feel is of a ‘technical’ well thought out product: There is a sense of purpose to its design.

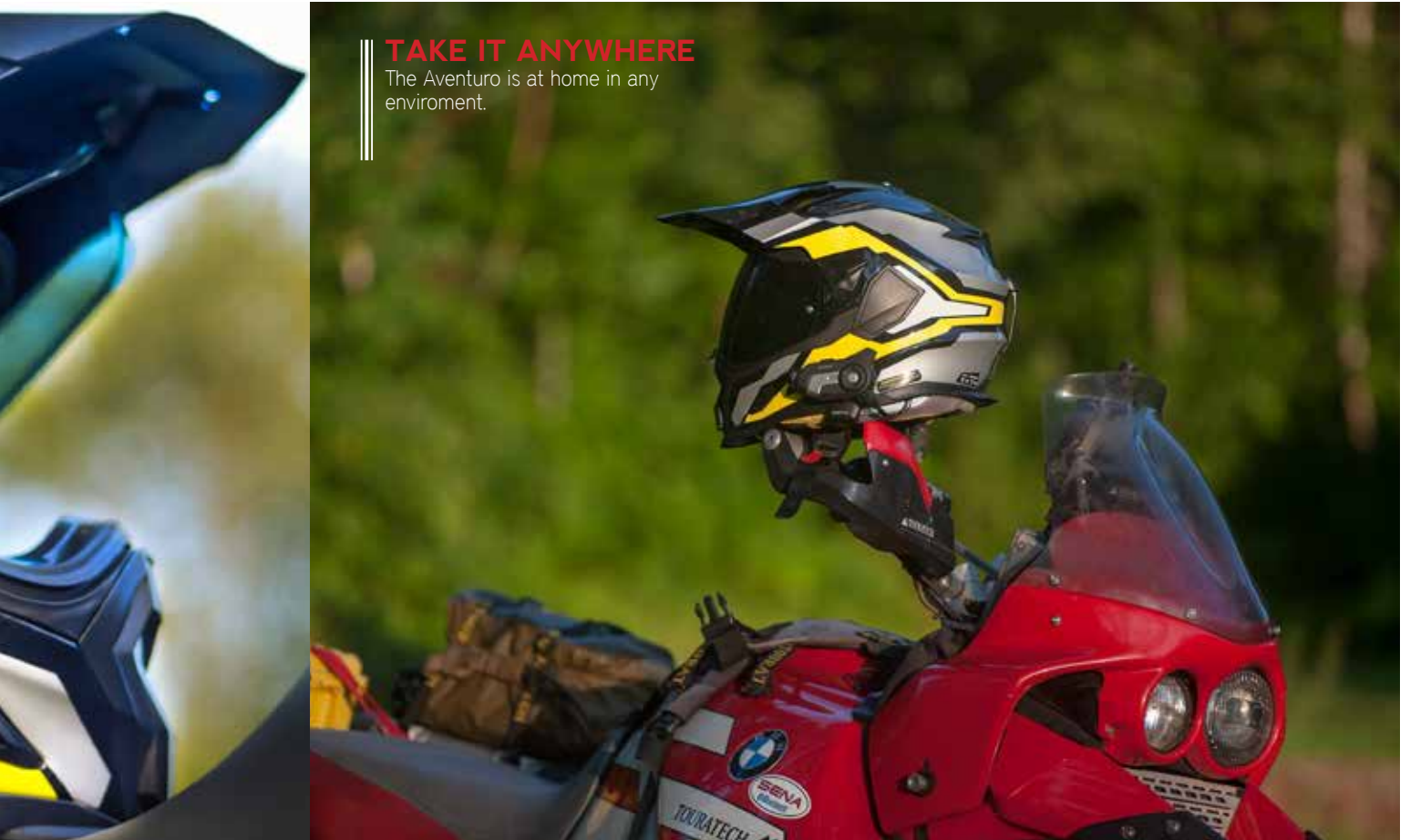
The peak is long enough to be serious in serving it’s purpose and provides great shade from glaring sunlight. We’d had

EXPLORE

The Aventuro will take care of you no matter where you ride.

TAKE IT ANYWHERE

The Aventuro is at home in any environment.



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concerns that it was going to cause us issues on the highway/motorway at speed, but the peaks design, with more than ample airflow, has meant that even at speeds of 90-100mph there is little head whip or drag caused by the peak catching air.

The peak is sturdy and feels very much part of the helmet. And yet,

removing the peak to swap in a visor or to convert it into the Aventuro’s road orientated mode is painless and easy. This operation also requires no tools.

The lower-forward half of the helmet that protects your jaw and chin looks aggressive, without being ridiculous. The Aventuro has a nice symmetry.

The listed MSRP of the helmet has it nearer the top of the pile. This is definitely not a budget lid. I’ve only got one head and I’ve always been keen to protect what little is left inside mine. The graphics are stylish and fall in line with Touratech design cues. At the time of writing Touratech offer 7 design versions of the Aventuro:

Namib, Pacific, Sky, Vision, Companero, Rallye and Core.

Weight

The next thing you notice is this thing is light! You’ll find yourself tossing it around in your hands, just to make sure it’s as light as you think it is.

COLOURS

The Aventuro in it's PACIFIC colour scheme.



**IT'S A
WEIGHT
THING**



The Touratech Aventuro carbon fibre helmet weighs in at a miniscule

that 'low weight' translates to comfort.

3.26LBS/1483g(size-XL). This is where that extra cash you shelled out for the carbon fibre really begins to pay you back. This is easily one of the lightest helmets either Lisa or I have ever used. Let me tell you from experience



Colour
options

FIT & COMFORT

Once you pull the helmet on, like us, you'll appreciate that level of comfort and top drawer materials provided. The inner material is firm but flexible.

Lisa uses a small and I run with a XL, both helmets held our heads firmly but comfortably.

The liner and cheek pads, like any quality enduro lid, can be removed and washed. We've found reinstallation very easy and the quickest of any helmet that we've used in the past.



VISIBILITY



We also really liked the lower helmet lining that ties in with the helmets overall look and in particular the chin skirt, which deflects air from rushing up into the face area and/or into the eyes.

ACTION CAMERA MOUNTS

What we expect helmets to do has changed. Once upon a time, a helmet

was just there to protect our heads. Today with the proliferation of POV action cameras, helmets now also need to act as an integral camera mount.

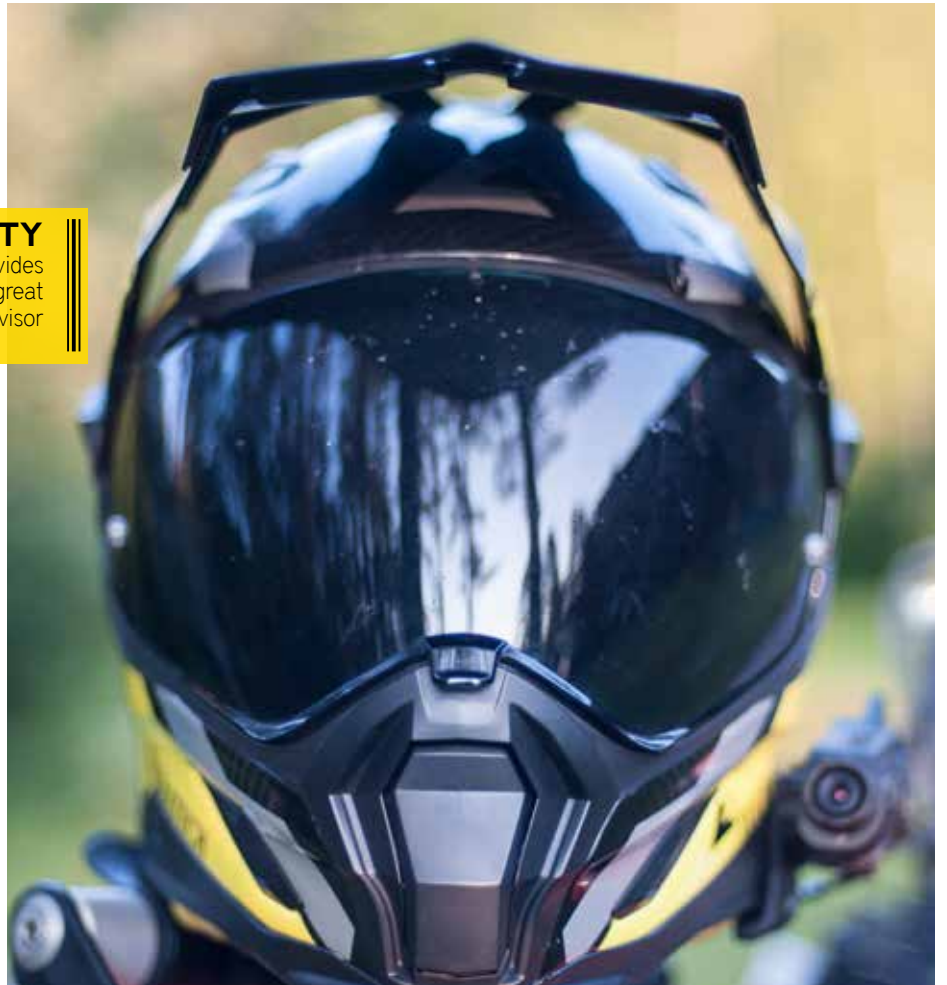
Touratech have recognised this and supply the helmet with a number of interchangeable base locators that allow the wearer to mount different cameras in differing locations. We

especially liked the special rubberized zones built into the helmets outer lower construction. These zones are designed to have camera and communication systems mounted onto them to reduce vibration. Clever and thoughtful stuff.



VISIBILITY

The large viewing area provides ample room for goggles and a great range of view when using the visor



CAMERA MOUNTS

Purpose designed camera mount zones, designed to reduce camera vibration/shake



EXCELLENT VISIBILITY

The Aventuro converts from an enduro helmet to a road helmet in 30 seconds and due to the wide port visibility is excellent in both modes.

The Touratech Aventuro helmet is also the first helmet that Lisa and I have used that has been produced to be used with a communication system. Extra deep ear wells made it easy for us to install our SENA comm's speakers. This simple but important design feature makes a big difference and ensures that we not dealing with any pressure-hot spots on our ears.

The chin piece allows for plenty of room to install the microphone. The

removable liners made it easy to route the speaker and microphone wiring.

VISIBILITY

One of the aspects we've taken for granted (until spending two hours in a borrowed friends Aria helmet) is the wonderfully expansive viewing area. Our goggles easily fit inside for serious off-road riding and the visors (we use the 80% dark visor) exchange in and out quickly and without the need for special tools. The viewing area is both tall and wide, offering excellent visibility all-around.

The shields/visors provided with the helmet are, as you'd expect from the price tag, top of the range. There's no warping and the optical quality is high end and very clear. The visors also come supplied with pinlocks, ready to install the double shield to reduce foggy and or other visors accessories. It 's great to use a product that has enough 'extra' features that has you believing it was conceived, designed and tested by real-riders. Nothing about the helmet leaves me feeling short-changed.

GREAT COMFORT



VERDICT



There's no real cliff hanger here.

I told you at the beginning of this review that both Lisa and I have been impressed by the Aventuro's performance. Well. Let me add to that, that we're also impressed by it's build quality, design and durability. Over the last few months we been off-road and dealt with the dust and also ridden through torrential rain at 90mph. The helmet took the full brunt of the weather and air force and performed solidly.

All-in-all a great investment and a welcome addition to the Touratech range.

A HELMET DONE RIGHT!

THIS IS EASILY ONE OF THE BEST HELMETS WE'VE USED
DURING OUR 12-YEARS ON THE ROAD



AVENTURO



Key features:

- Crafted from lightweight, carbon fibre for increased rider comfort
- No-drag airflow visor reduces wind grab and strain on neck & body
- Transforms between street, dual-sport to dirt configurations with no tools
- Easy-open, easy-close vents designed to keep rain out
- Pin-Lock ready shield included
- Pin-Lock insert included (Clear)
- Intercom system ready, with speaker cavities
- Ergo padding system
- Washable, hypo-allergenic, Coolmax lining
- Emergency cheek pad removal system
- Liner cut away to accommodate glasses
- Designed for goggles with quick-strap ready embossments and strap-lock shape
- Includes action camera mount surfaces for top and both sides
- Extra long chin strap allows removal of helmet without completely unfastening 2DD buckle
- Exceeds all DOT and ECE 2205 standards for helmet safety
- Weight: Small 3.00LBS (1363g), Medium 3.03LBS (1375g), Large 3.22LBS (1463g), XL 3.26LBS (1483g), XXL 3.28LBS (1488g)