

Product Evaluation: Bike Gear

TPX Motorcycle Radar and Laser Detection System

Let's just say that this is a prime example of the KISS Principle. Easy to see, easy to hear, easy to install, the makers of the TPX radar and laser detection system took the "Keep It Simple, Stupid" ideal very seriously when they designed this little tattle. The five buttons on the main console light up in Neon Blue and are clearly delineated as to their purpose. My big, klutzy, gloved fingers could manipulate the functions with the precision of a noninvasive surgeon.

Turn the unit on and it emits a series of loudly different, high-pitched grunts to signify the bands it monitors: X, K, Ka, and laser. To control the brightness or volume, simply push the button with that symbol for two seconds and work the up or down arrows. The unit I tested was fitted with the optional wireless headset and visual alert. If you're behind a fairing and can hear a radio, for example, the console's alarm will work — otherwise, treat yourself and go with the headset and/or visual alert. By the way, the harness will allow you to use an inexpensive, hardwired ear speaker if you don't want to go the wireless route. The

visual alert is extremely bright.

Attaching the main console is just about every application. The console clips on and off to deter theft. It can even be mounted (God help me for saying this) on the dashboard of a car. So, lead foot, you could rationalize to your better half that you want it for the family auto except for the rare times you want it for the motorcycle.

If you get caught out the TPX is water resistant. So, let's see. What else — oh yes, it works! I tested it for a few weeks, and came across several X, K, and Ka traps (but no laser radar traps) before I was in any danger of being ticketed for poor speed calibration or bad judgment. Finally, you don't have to take my word for it — the TPX has been tested by the Speed Measurement Laboratories, which also says it works as advertised.

Have you priced a speeding ticket and the concomitant insurance surcharges tacked on? The TPX is a bargain. Get your own TPX main console for \$309. Add \$70 for the wireless headset, another \$70 for a mount, and just \$45 for the visual alert, and you'll have a bundle in nervous energy. —Bob Hibler

The visual alert mounts to the handlebar or most anywhere in the cockpit.



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