

## Shift Torrent Waterproof Gloves Review



Up next for Smokymountainconnection.com's product review, is the Torrent Waterproof Glove by Shift. These gloves arrived right in the middle of a stretch of cold and nasty South Carolina winter, which was perfect timing.

First, the gloves are really sporty in appearance. Secondly, they're lightweight, yet have an armored look. The back of the gloves have padding that runs the width of the hand, as well as on each finger joint. The palm and thumb areas are covered with stitched-on goatskin suede. The fingers are pre-curved, and that helps them seem comfortable, even before you put them on. Once you've slipped your hands into the gloves you'll

appreciate the obvious comfort engineering that went into their design.

As I mentioned, these gloves are lightweight. The curvature of the fingers adds an incredible amount of ease in wearing the gloves. The micro fleece lining is soft and comfortable, and there is an internal elastic band at the wrist that makes them snug from the inside. In addition, there are two exterior cinch straps at the wrist that close with Velcro, to help custom fit the gloves. The cuff of the glove easily fit inside the sleeve of my jacket, which was great because as I mentioned, we tested these gloves on a nasty South Carolina January afternoon. Trust me; even though it's the South, we have our own version of winter discomfort!

Now, as to the claim that the Torrent gloves are waterproof; yes, they most definitely are that! It wasn't raining on the day of our ride, so we went all out. While wearing the Torrents, we dunked my hands into a full bucket of water. Nothing came through, and this wasn't an in-and-out again situation.

The Torrent Waterproof Glove was very flexible to wear while riding. Braking wasn't a problem in these gloves and the use of any of the other dashboard controls on the bike were no problem. The gloves kept my hands and wrists comfortable and dry, and things didn't get sweaty while I was trying them out.

Another thing I liked about the Torrent glove is the packaging. The gloves are attached to Shift's header card with a really sturdy clip. The clip can be used to hold the gloves together when they're hanging on a hook, which will help a "what did I do with my other glove?" sort of person, like me.

These gloves are a great deal at the retail price of \$49.95. They are well stitched, sturdily put together, comfortable, and sporty looking. You can order the gloves and other products online at [www.shiftracing.com](http://www.shiftracing.com). They also have a store finder by area code search engine, if you want to hit an actual storefront.



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