

Master Blaster

Drying your bike has never been easier

■ IT'S NO SECRET HERE THAT I DON'T LIKE WASHING BIKES, BUT many times I'm the one that gets wet prepping a test bike for a photo shoot. That's why when the good folks at Metropolitan Vacuum Cleaner offered to send us their Metro Air Force Blaster (\$229.99), I didn't argue.

This unit has a rugged, all-steel construction and long power cord. Setup was as easy as plugging in the power cord and clamping the 10' x 1-1/2" hose to the power unit. Flipping the toggle switch brought the 4.0-peak horsepower motor to life, and away the water went. A very nice feature is that the air you're blowing at your bike is filtered and a little warmer than the ambient temperature. The unit itself is small enough to hold as you walk around, while the heavy-duty 10' hose allows you to snake around to specific spots on any bike. Several (three to be exact) different nozzle attach-



ments make it easy to adjust the velocity of air, while also focusing it in different ways. This was great because it gave me the ability to blow water off big areas or get into the small nooks and crannies simply by swapping out the nozzle tips. On repetitive wetting and drying tests, I was surprised that no water spots were left behind. For the time being, I'm actually offering to wash bikes in the office. Any takers? **AIM**

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