



AIR FORCE BLASTER Motorcycle Dryer Eliminates Water Spots, Dries Bikes Fast!

Metro's Air Force Blaster motorcycle dryer was specifically designed for cleaning and drying motorcycles with dry, filtered, warm air, coming out at about 20-25 degrees above ambient temps. Metro claims their Air Force Blaster will cut cleaning time of your motorcycle by up to 80%, and that five to seven minutes is all it takes to effectively dry motorcycles, leaving no water spots in the end.

Snake oil? Sure sounds like it at first, which is why we felt that we had to put this product to the test. We called the folks at Metro to throw the gauntlet and they sent us a unit to try.

Metro's Blaster is in fact a simple electric blower that looks like a small shop vac. It features a 4-horsepower electric motor and comes with a long, flexible air

hose with rubberized nozzle, and a choice of soft plastic tips in various shapes so you can customize the airflow of the drier to better fit your task.

To test the Blaster in a real world situation we proceeded to use it to dry a dripping-wet bike. Once the water stopped flowing from the hose, we plugged the Blaster into a safe, three-prong outlet. When we threw the power switch on we were taken by surprise by the Blaster's intense air output. In fact we suggest you grab a good hold of the air hose before turning the Blaster on, unless you feel like chasing it as if you were trying to catch a piglet, running scared in the barnyard.

As suggested by Metro we started blowing the water away from the top to the bottom of the bike, spending more time around the engine and driveline, where water finds many places to hide. The high velocity of the air coming out of the nozzle blasted most of the water

away in seconds. Focusing the nozzle around the cylinder fins and other out-of-reach areas such as the open primary belt drive, front end springs and wheel spokes, we continued the drying process at a fast pace. As the Blaster warms up, so does the air flow, making drying even easier. We were basically done drying the entire bike in a little over five minutes.

Why not use an air compressor to the same effect, you ask? Metro tells us that air from a compressor is not filtered and any oils, dust or residue that is in that air tank will blow out onto the finish. Also, the air from a compressor isn't dry, as developing moisture is a common problem with compressors and is difficult to eliminate. Also the force of air or pressure is entirely too great and is likely to blast away a loose piece of chrome if extreme care is not taken. Finally, air from a compressor isn't heated, reducing its ability to properly dry off motorcycles.

Leaf blowers are often used to dry off a motorcycle but Metro warns that besides being large and cumbersome, leaf blowers lack precise blower attachments, which enable users to dry the entire motorcycle properly. The air produced by leaf blowers isn't filtered or heated, adding to drying time, and they can throw dust and debris onto the finish as well.

The Blaster is manufactured in Suffern, New York, and is designed to provide consumers with decades of trouble-free use. The B3-CD retails for \$229.99. Contact Metro at 800-822-1602 for more information or log on to Metro's Web site www.metrovacworld.com to see all of company's other products. —Lafayette



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