

Essentials **Tools of the Trade**

↓ Tool Tester

Jamie Welnicki and the crew over at Jim Moroney's Inc., in New Windsor, New York, cleaned up their acts for this month's review of the Metropolitan Vacuum Air Force Blaster SideKick.



Metropolitan Vacuum Air Force Blaster

We'd heard nothing but good things about Metropolitan's Air Force Blaster SideKick — but we had to see if this puppy was too good to be true. We asked our friends over at Jim Moroney's in New Windsor, New York, to give it a whirl, and they were quite literally blown away. "Our shop uses the full-sized Blaster for regular washes," says tool-tester Jamie Welnicki. "The mini Blaster is excellent for when the bike is not in the wash bay." Jamie was nice enough to wash his bike when team *MPN* rolled into town so we could see it for ourselves, and seeing is believing. A must-have for the shop, this unit is a must-sell as well. The Jim Moroney's crew has already sold four this season. "For the average rider the SideKick is perfect," says Jamie. "There's no need to spend \$200 for the full-sized unit." Priced at under \$100, the SideKick features a powerful 1.3 HP motor that pumps out 18,000 feet-per-minute of warm filtered air that will thoroughly dry a full-size road bike in minutes. Weighing just a hair over three pounds, the SideKick is small enough and light enough to ride comfortably in a saddlebag. The verdict: the SideKick really blows, and that's a good thing! Metropolitan Vacuum scores our first five-wrench perfect score.

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Usefulness to home mechanic



Recommend to other wrenches

5 wrench total score

