

Product Comparison

Fulmer Modus AP-IM

Total Score: 25.5

\$124.95

Comfort ●●●○○
Venting ●●●○○

Chinbar ●●●○○
Retainer ●●●○○

Wear/Water ●●●○○
Weight ●●●○○

Features ●●●○○
Value ●●●○○



Weight: 3 lb., 13.8 oz.

Replacement shell(s): \$18.95-\$29.95

Note: Thermoplastic shell. Made in Taiwan, but of slightly better quality than most Chinese-made helmets we've seen. Fairly nice, thick, removable cheek padding, but not stable. Slightly better than average wind noise management. Faceshield seal is average, or a little better, but venting is a bit below average. Good peripheral vision, but suffers a bit on lower and upper vision. Standard D-ring retention system. Fit and finish better than the Zeus or Vega, but not quite as good as the Laser. Chinbar retention is one-handed operation, but unfortunately, all-plastic latches, as is the ratcheting system for the faceshield. Faceshield itself, however, is better optical quality than most others in this price range. It cost nearly on a par with the "Recommended" helmets listed here, but then again, it sells for less than half the price of most of those. Among the "bargain" modular helmets, it ranks as the best buy for the money. Not available through mail order or on the internet—dealer sales only.

Fulmer Helmets; (800) 489-2388; www.fulmerhelmets.com

Lazer Century

Total Score: 24.5

\$220.00 - \$170.00

Comfort ●●●○○
Venting ●●●○○

Chinbar ●●●○○
Retainer ●●●○○

Wear/Water ●●●○○
Weight ●●●○○

Features ●●●○○
Value ●●●○○



Weight: 3 lb., 8.5 oz.

Replacement shell(s): \$26.99

Note: IMRC-injected shell. The Lazer Century features hypo-allergenic, removable and washable padding. The chinbar latching system uses two buttons, but they can be operated together with one hand. Unfortunately, the latches themselves are plastic, and not very strong when compared to the others in this group. The bottom vents are small and not very effective, and there is no top venting system at all. Also, all the buttons that the chinbar fits uncomfortably close to the wearer's face. The faceshield is optically clear, but doesn't seal quite as well as most of the other models, and there is noticeable wind noise. Replacement requires a screwdriver or coin. The helmet cannot be removed with the chinbar down. Field of vision is slightly below average, in all directions. The nicest thing about the Lazer was the chinstrap retention device. This webbed-type, steel, quick-release buckle was both the easiest to latch and to unlatch, requiring only one finger to open. A fair helmet, but you can get a little more for your money.

Lazer Helmets; (878) 221-2626; www.lazerhelmets.com

Vega Summit XPV

Total Score: 17.5

\$174.95 - \$129.95

Comfort ●●●○○
Venting ●●●○○

Chinbar ●●●○○
Retainer ●●●○○

Wear/Water ●●●○○
Weight ●●●○○

Features ●●●○○
Value ●●●○○



Weight: 3 lb., 14.3 oz.

Replacement shell(s): \$17.95-\$19.95

Note: Thermoplastic shell. Though a couple of notches above the Zeus listed below, the Vega is still basically a bargain-basement modular helmet. On the plus side, it features a one-hand chinbar lift system, and a removable, washable liner, available in six different sizes. There are also built-in pockets for helmet speakers. However, though the padding is fairly thick and comfortable, it is perforated for ventilation, and the perforations leave your forehead looking like a golf ball for nearly an hour after wearing it. Venting is fair, and easily operable with gloved hands, but faceshield venting is a bit weak and noisy. The chinbar retention system is plastic-on-plastic, and we wouldn't trust it not to break away on any stable impact. The paint on ours scratched very easily, and came from the factory with several dimples and imperfections already evident. If you can find one on sale for around \$139 it's probably worth that, but we wouldn't pay any more.

Spring Helmet Co.; sales@vegahelmet.com; www.cyclologist.com

Zeus 508S Liftech

Total Score: 16.0

\$89.95 - \$74.95

Comfort ●●●○○
Venting ●●●○○

Chinbar ●●●○○
Retainer ●●●○○

Wear/Water ●●●○○
Weight ●●●○○

Features ●●●○○
Value ●●●○○



Weight: 3 lb., 12.4 oz.

Replacement shell(s): \$12.95-\$19.95

Note: ABS shell. A current favorite among internet shoppers, the Taiwan-made Zeus Liftech looks to be a lot of helmet for the money, but looks can be deceiving. The lining and padding are minimal at best, and not removable, washable or hypo-allergenic. Forehead padding is the thinnest and weakest we've ever seen. The chinbar latching system is made from ABS plastic and extremely weak. Likewise, the faceshield sealing system is marginal, and prone to excessive wind noise. Reflectivity is non-existent. Vent closures are cheaply made, and can actually open and close by themselves from mere wind pressure. Though the Zeus boasts a DOT insignia on the back, we could find no record of actual DOT compliance testing, and therefore four rivets protruding through the outer shell, which, we have been told, would automatically exclude a helmet from meeting DOT testing criteria. Unless you're just looking for the cheapest modular you can buy, we'd have to recommend you pass on this one.

See-It Industrial Co.; LTD; 884-4-3726376; www.zeushelmets.com