

Media Statement

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World-first star rating system for motorcycle clothing

Motorcyclists will be able to compare the protection of clothing for riding, thanks to a program that starts today.

Road Safety Advisory Council Chair Garry Bailey said the Motorcycle Clothing Assessment Program (MotoCAP) rating system was a world-first.

“MotoCAP gives the motorcycle community more information when choosing the clothing they wear when riding,” Mr Bailey said. “MotoCAP will give clothing two separate star ratings – one for protection and one for comfort.

“Stakeholders from each Australian state and New Zealand worked together to develop the program. The clothing is tested at Deakin University for, among other things, abrasion, impact, seam strength and heat.”

The number of stars is on a scale of how well the garment resists a crash’s destructive forces. It’s similar to the Child Restraint Evaluation Program that provides separate star ratings for protection and ease-of-use of child car seats.

The protection star rating is based on performance in abrasion resistance, seam strength and impact protection.

“Motorcycle and scooter riders have very little protection other than their helmet and their clothing,” Mr Bailey said.

“More than 400 motorcyclists were in a crash in Tasmania last year. MotoCAP means motorcyclists will have more information about their choice of protective gear which can contribute to protecting them in a crash.”

More information about MotoCAP ratings and the scheme: www.motocap.com.au
