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MEDIA RELEASE

WORLD FIRST RATING SYSTEM FOR MOTORCYCLE CLOTHING LAUNCHED

The Australian Motorcycle Council announces the launch of a world first rating system for motorcycle clothing – MotoCAP.

“The Motorcycle Clothing Assessment Program (MotoCAP) is the first of its kind, and will give the motorcycle community more information when they are making choices about the clothing they wear when riding,” said Brian Wood, Chair of the AMC Protective Clothing sub-committee.

Key points:

- MotoCAP will give clothing two separate star ratings – one for protection and one for comfort.
- MotoCAP has involved stakeholders from NSW, Australia and New Zealand working together to develop this world first initiative.
- Motorcyclists are vulnerable road users – improving the effectiveness of protective clothing will help reduce the risk of serious injury or even death.

Motorcycle and scooter riders have very little protection other than their helmet and their clothing when involved in a crash,” Brian Wood said.

“This is why the Australian Motorcycle Council has joined together with Transport for NSW’s Centre for Road Safety, State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) and Insurance Australia Group (IAG) as well as other agencies and motoring organisations around Australia and New Zealand, to develop the system and test the gear.”

Mr Wood said the protection star rating considers performance in abrasion resistance, seam strength and impact protection, while the comfort rating is based on how comfortable the clothing is when it is worn in the Australian climate.

“MotoCAP makes it easier for riders to balance the sometimes conflicting needs of personal protection and comfort,” Mr Wood concluded.

For more information on MotoCAP ratings and the scheme visit www.motocap.com.au

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