

ACCESSORIZE THE DEMONS...

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With the scorchy season fast approaching, we all look for ways to keep cool while we're out enjoying our summertime passions. As a follow-on to a cold-weather, heated-vest review I wrote for you last fall, I offer here a perspective on Techniche's (hot-weather) evaporative/cooling vest. They're designed specifically for people out playing in the summer heat. Sound like anyone you know?

With its polymer embedded fabric, this unique piece of gear has a wide variety of applications. While it can be used in and around the home, yard, shop, or just about wherever, I have found it's probably best suited in motorsports use...at the track. When you're out at Chuckwalla, Pahrump, Fontana, or any-slab beyond...trackside, in the pits or paddock, doing the hot work, submerge one of these vests in water (for about a minute or so) and throw it over your t-shirt... Like magic, you'll instantly feel the cooling effect the evaporation provides.

Aside from the immediate relief it offers, you can take comfort in the fact that you're significantly reducing the risk of heat stress. (Editor's Note: See safety article on stroke.) Yeah...pretty much a bonus right there...

The cooling effect lasts for a several hours, and the vest can be rehydrated if and when necessary.

On a recent trip to Phoenix, I took the test vest out. It was 93F. I just stood in the sun for a while. Baking. There wasn't any breeze to speak of, which helps accelerate the test conditions. I called my secretary and asked her to bring me the vest (I was going for maximum theater here, folks). She brought it out to me and I put it on. Relief. I knew immediately that this product would have multiple uses inside the motorsports industry and out...so I highly recommend it to you now... Whether you are a track fiend or not, you will find multiple uses for this winner.

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