F4 Customs Speedglass Windshield

F4 Customs promises that their windshield is chemical resistant and so scratch resistant it will hold up to cleaning with steel wool. They state that the surface is so smooth that rain will bead up and blow off. They guarantee the best optical clarity and say the windshield is shatterproof. After 18 months of riding, we can validate some—though, not all—of the company’s claims.

**Optics**

The F4 Customs windshield is noticeably clearer than the stock windshield. While the OEM windshield may look similar right out of the showroom, it will show the results of microscopic road sand striking it, bugs dive-bombing into it and imperfect cleaning practices after less than a year of riding. Yet after 18 months, my F4 looks brand-new.

**Scratch Resistance & Cleaning**

Although seeing the YouTube video of the windshield wiper wrapped in steel wool going back and forth for hours across a stock windshield and an F4 Customs windshield—with the F4 windshield showing no ill effects—I was unable to bring myself to clean my windshield with steel wool. I did, however, do something no competent motorcyclist would ever do—I cleaned it a few times with Windex and a paper towel, to no ill effect.

This F4 Customs Speedglass windshield is far easier to clean than a stock windshield. First, you don’t have worry that the cloth you’re using might not be the right thing or if the cleaning solution might be problematic. Go ahead, use the paper towels in the dispenser at the gas station with no worries. Second, the Speedglass coating is to windshields what Teflon coating is to frying pans. Nothing sticks to it for long, which means that cleaning bugs and gunk from the windshield after a long ride requires minimal effort. For the most part, I’ve cleaned the windshield with only water and a clean cotton towel. After 18 months, it shows no swirls, scratches or pits. Even looking at the windshield in direct sunlight, it looks almost new.

**Rain Performance & Shatter Resistance**

While rain on the F4 windshield did bead up and slide off quickly, this particular attribute did not impress me as being significantly different, or better than, a suitably well-waxed stock windshield.

I did no extraordinary testing to verify the veracity of F4’s claims of the windshield’s durability. No stones were sent hurtling toward the bike at 80+ mph. I did not deliberately drop the Gold Wing on the windshield nor did I take a tire iron to it. If any existing owners would care to volunteer their windshields for such a test, please let me know.

**Summary**

Is the F4 Customs Speedglass windshield right for you? Yes, if your bike is several years out of the showroom and your stock windshield’s soft surface has been the victim of sandblast, suicidal bugs, less-than-careful cleaning and the occasional airborne stone, and it is driving you nuts. With an MSRP of $319.95, the F4 windshield may seem expensive at first, but it’s actually a pretty good value. It is a high quality product that, while only a fraction of the cost of your bike, brings satisfaction and a noticeable improvement every time you ride. Plus, you can forget about spending money for fancy cleaning products or wax or Rain-X type treatments for your windshield. Highly recommended.

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