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NuShield DayVue Anti-Reflective Film

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MORE AND MORE riders are using GPSs, smartphones, and other touch-screen devices on their motorcycles to enhance the riding experience. However, depending on the device's mounting location and screen finish, glare from the sun can periodically wash out the display, increasing distraction and reducing the functionality of the gadget. Enter NuShield's DayVue Anti-Reflective Film, which promises to eliminate glare during daytime use. In this case, we used the Garmin BMW Nav V GPS on our 2015 R1200RT-LC as the test subject. We ordered the DayVue film, as well as the optional "Klear Screen" anti-static wipes designed to sanitize the GPS's screen and the film prior to installation. The kit arrived complete with the DayVue film pre-cut to the Nav V's precise dimensions, as well as three wet soft cloths and a dry microfiber chamois—everything required to get the job done.

Working slowly and methodically, we were finished with the installation in three minutes flat. Since the film itself is pre-cut, there was no guesswork involved. Installation involves simply cleaning the GPS touch screen with the Klear Screen wipes, drying thoroughly with the included chamois, and then sticking the film in place. The film's underside is a tacky rubber, not a pressure sensitive adhesive, so it doesn't trap air. Any bubbles formed during installation can be pushed out using your finger. For those curious about the installation process, Youtube and NuShield's own site are full of videos showing various owner installations, but, in this case, it couldn't possibly get any easier.

NuShield claims that "the latest version of this film has several top layers with carefully chosen index of refraction, minimizing the blue end of the spectrum." There is a great deal of technical jargon used in the description of the product itself, but the typical rider just wants to know, "Does it work?" The answer is a resounding, "Yes!"

Even in the R1200RT-LC's factory cradle, which is tilted slightly upward and is notorious for sun glare, we were



NuShield DayVue Anti-Reflective Film installed on Garmin BMW Nav V GPS, shown with Klear Screen wet wipe and microfiber drying chamois.

clearly able to see the Nav V's display at high noon—normally, this is almost impossible. The GPS's display screen could be seen equally well with the naked eye, standard sunglasses, and even polarized sunglasses. As an added benefit, the DayVue film adds a degree of protection (rated at >2H Pencil Hardness per the ASTM D3363-00 test method) to the stock display screen, which is good news for those of us who wear well used riding gloves that tend to scratch unprotected screens over time. Touch screen sensitivity post film installation was not affected at all, either with bare skin or with gloved hands. Given the relatively low cost, foolproof installation, and obvious benefits, we would recommend the NuShield DayVue to any rider with a screen device which is subject to sun glare. The NuShield website lists dozens of brands and corresponding models from which to pick pre-cut screens, and prices vary accordingly. For instance, the DayVue Anti-Reflective Film for the Garmin Nav V is \$13.75, and the optional Klear Screen Wet Wipe Kit is \$1.99.

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