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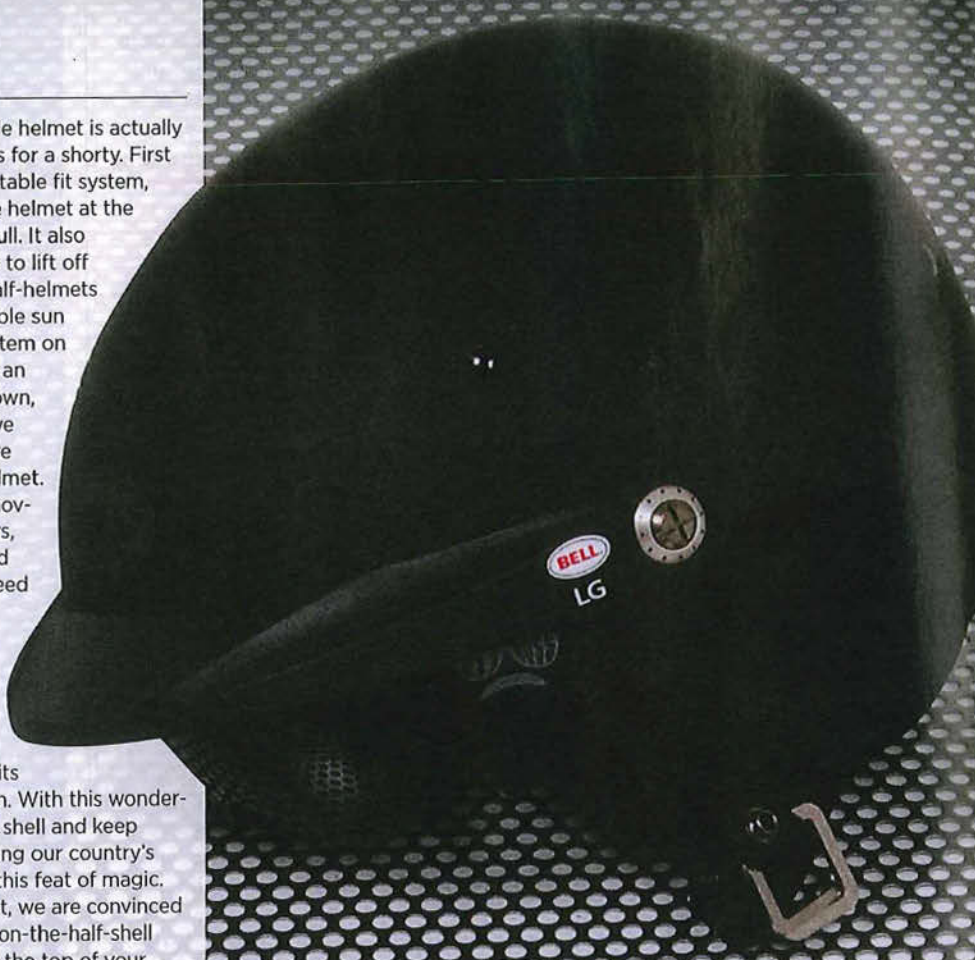


BELL PIT BOSS HELMET

What looks like a fairly simple helmet is actually jam-packed full of features for a shorty. First off is the Speed Dial adjustable fit system, which lets you fine-tune the fit of the helmet at the turn of a knob at the base of your skull. It also reduces the tendency for this helmet to lift off the head at speed, like most other half-helmets do. Another bit of flare is its retractable sun shield. We have used this type of system on many full-face helmets, but never on an open face. It looks lame when it is down, but it worked well when it was and we found ourselves using the shield more and more the longer we wore the helmet. Other notable features include a removable neck curtain for those chilly days, as well as inner pockets for audio and Bluetooth offerings, if you feel the need to be connected.

The two biggest complaints we have of most DOT half-helmets are that they sit up on the head like a friggin' mushroom and are usually really heavy. Well, Bell killed these two pet peeves with one stone with its ultra-light TriMatrix shell construction. With this wonder-stuff Bell was able to make a thinner shell and keep weight to a minimum while still passing our country's strict helmet laws. Kudos to Bell for this feat of magic.

After some time under this helmet, we are convinced that if you are a law-abiding helmet-on-the-half-shell kind of person, this one should be at the top of your shorty list.



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CENTRAL PNEUMATIC EARTHQUAKE 1/2-INCH IMPACT WRENCH

There are just some things on our bikes that need a heavy hand. When breaker bars and bent tools have called it a day, that is where air-powered impact wrenches, such as this big gun, come in.

When we grabbed ahold of this big red machine, its 6-pound weight and ergonomic layout fit our hands just right. After installing the air fitting and hooking it to our compressor, we soon found out that with its twin hammers and claimed 700-pounds of torque, this thing was not messing around. The Earthquake also has a few speeds and the strongest Reverse in its class. The thing works great, but we need to warn you that you are going to need a pretty stout air compressor to run this mighty machine. We're sure if you are yanking drive pulleys and sprockets and getting rusted parts off of your bike, then you probably already have a big CFM compressor. This big gun is really a great deal and we think it's right up there with the top of its class in quality at a really great price.