

My Review

Rider and Riding conditions:

- I am 6'2" and use a full face helmet
- Strictly commuting to/from work ~54 miles round trip each day
- Combination of Interstate and side roads
- Significant traffic with an abundance of Semi's on the Interstate
- Weather has averaged around – Low 39 High 65 Wind 10-15mph (gusts 25mph)

I mentioned the traffic with vehicle types and weather because this is “typical” Chicago weather and played a large role in my angle adjustment opinion.

Here we go...

The attached pic shows the angles I used. I did not have a great shot of my bike with the Hellcat installed, so I used the '06 pic from Honda's site (bonus: it was a small upright shot of the bike).

I always kept the bottom of the shield approximately 3-4 inches above the headlight.

Position 1

Pros

- Minimal buffeting up to 80mph
- Less susceptible to sheer winds and vehicle winds

Cons

- Slight wind on forehead/top of head
- Bugs can hit you in the head (not face)

Position 2

Pros

- Less wind on forehead

Cons

- Some buffeting; more at +60mph
- More susceptible to sheer winds and vehicle winds

Position 3

Pros

- No wind on forehead
- Minimal wind from chest upward

Cons

- Buffeting at +50mph
- Sheer/Vehicle winds affect chest and lower body more

Conclusion

This is my opinion, but I prefer position 1 the best. Even though I have more wind on my forehead, the sheer/vehicle winds are minimized which makes a big difference in my commute. This was probably the determining factor for my decision. Position 3 was the best for keeping the wind off my head, but at highway speeds I was getting knocked around pretty good from the other vehicle winds and buffeting.

