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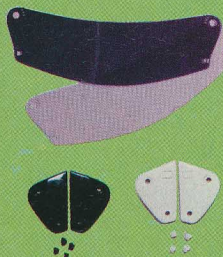
# ASTRO



### ASTRO PROTECTION

There are a lot of trick helmets, but ARAI doesn't just follow the crowd, doesn't let the gimmicks get in the way of a helmet's real purpose — PROTECTION! That's why ARAI's latest helmet, the ASTRO is the first to meet the newest and most stringent of all helmet protection standards, SNELL '80. That's why it provides super comfortable fit and weighs only 3.4 pounds, because good fitting lighter weight helmets reduce rider fatigue and contribute to riding safety.

But that's not to say ARAI has anything against convenience features, if they don't compromise protection. Direct input from ARAI racers like Super Bike Champion Wes Cooley, convinced ARAI of the need for one handed, quick, easy and secure face-shield operation. So, the ASTRO has a brand new kind of face-shield.



### ASTRO FEELING

The ASTRO is an amazingly quiet helmet thanks to the streamlined end-pods that control drafts inside the helmet and ease the airflow around the shell to reduce wind noise.

The distinctive ASTRO graphics are completely reflectorized for added night time riding safety and show real class during the day. And, because comfort makes for easier riding and safer riders, the ASTRO is super comfortable in the ARAI tradition.

### ASTRO SHIELD

The ASTRO shield is not just another entry in the 'Trick Shield of the Month Contest', but a shield that really works and does not adversely affect the helmet's protective function. It needs no levers, gimmick hinges or anything else to go wrong — just your left thumb. It ratchets through three positions from fully open to securely shut quickly and easily without having to snap or un-snap clumsy fasteners. The shield works without having any protrusions or mechanisms inside the helmet to adversely affect safety and without recesses that reduce the margin of protection around the critical eye opening area. All of the shield mechanisms are contained in the thin, streamlined end-pods on the outside of the helmet shell.

Each ASTRO comes complete with a racer-style storage bag and a clear super scratch resistant face-shield that will far outlast ordinary shields and greatly reduce the need of frequent replacement.

A smoke-tint face-shield of the same quality is available as an accessory.

### ABOUT SNELL '80

Since establishment of the first criteria in 1959, the performance standard of the SNELL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION was revised upward in 1962, 1968, 1970 and 1975 (SNELL '75). The latest 1980 standard is even more demanding.

Several new aspects of testing for safety have been introduced in SNELL '80. The testing of retention system has been changed from static to dynamic. A test of chin-piece in full facial helmets has been developed. A triple-impact test against cylindrical anvil has been added. Lastly, a standardized routine test of flammability has been incorporated.

ASTRO is one of the first helmets certified to SNELL '80. Yet, it must be understood that the protection given by any protective headgear is necessarily less than complete, and the wearing of such may not entirely prevent head injury in certain severe accidents. The ASTRO serves only as an important link in a long chain of safety factors.



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