RENTHAL ULTRA TACKY **LOCK ON GRIP REVIEW**

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THE ULTIMATE HANDLEBAR GRIP FOR UK RIDERS

Whilst handlebar grips are a contact point and therefore subject to personal preference, the brand new Ultra Tacky lock-on grips have a truly outstanding feature compared to all other grips that everyone can benefit from - they remain grippy when wet.

We've been riding two prototype sets for about 17months now, and haven't found anything that come close in level of grip. If you ride bikes in conditions similar to the UK - you probably want to read our Renthal Ultra Tacky grip review...



different by feel.

THE DETAILS

Sharing the same file tread pattern as the five other grips in the Renthal range, the new Ultra Tacky are the softest and most comfortable of the lot - and have a very, very sticky feel to the touch.

Only available in the lock-on design, the Renthal Ultra Tacky grips measure 130mm wide, with 110mm of actual grip width and a 30mm diameter. Unlike ODI grips, the collars are part of the grip - and they come with end plugs that snap in place.



Whilst a similar tread design can be found on various other grips on the market like the

A week old Renthal Ultra Tacky lock on grip at the top, and a 17month old prototype below. The old

grip feels every bit as grippy, and still absorbs a lot more trail buzz than many brand new grips.

found on these grips. The rubber shares similarities with those sticky rubber balls you had as a kid – the kind that you threw at the window and watched them slowly roll down. And just like those rubber

classic ODI Ruffian, nothing out there even comes close to the exclusive sticky compound

balls, the stickiness gets rejuvenated when you clean the grip with water.



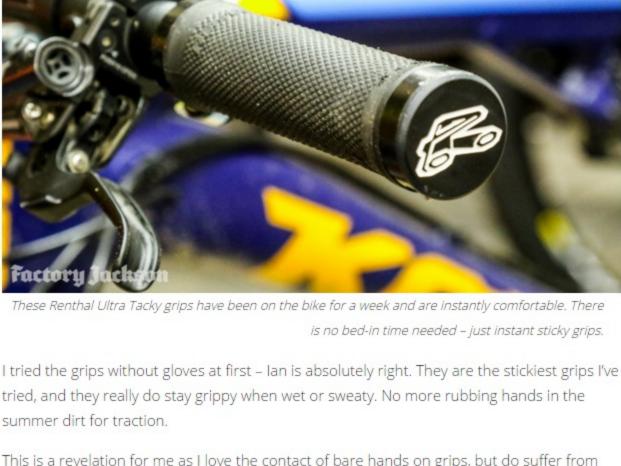
OUT ON THE TRAIL

I've been running two pairs of prototype Ultra Tacky grips since May 2014, and quite simply they have made every other grip I've tried in the meantime feel tough and not that grippy by

comparison. Especially when riding sans gloves. Ian Collins from Renthal asked me to test the early sample grips as he knew I liked to ride

without gloves – when he told me they get grippier when your hands get sweaty my ears pricked up. He described the rubber having properties similar to the ear stems on Oakley

glasses, which also grip fast when you sweat.



This is a revelation for me as I love the contact of bare hands on grips, but do suffer from sweaty hands on warmer days, and slippy hands on wet days. The Renthal Ultra Tacky grip has completely changed that.

them grippy again.

you like riding in bare hands.

But what about with gloves?

Same thing. Gloves adhere to the surface just the same, and when wet stick to the grips like leaches - and this really does help on rough trails as you can relax your grip substantially. Obviously if you sail over the bars and your gloves are covered in mud, things are still a little

slippy - but the compound definitely helps, which means if you're a racer of any kind then you'll probably see some benefits to these grips. The only real issue I've found with the grips is when they get dusty, grip is reduced. But dust on these shores is easy to find as the end of a rainbow - and simply getting them wet makes

WE SAY Handlebar grips are a personal thing - the diameter; tread pattern and even if you like the feel of a regular grip or lock-on design - but if you like any of the above

associations with this grip, you really should take a look. Nothing else on the market even comes close to the grip these things offer, and as far as I'm concerned this is the best MTB handlebar grip available - especially if