Sealskinz Dragon Eye MTB Ultralite glove review

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Lightweight trail glove from the waterproof experts

Overall rating:	SCORE	9		Sealskinz Dragon Eye MTB Ultralite

Pros:	Cons:
Ultra-thin palm	Index finger twists
Almost invisible fit	Wrist cuff could be a little longer

When Sealskinz brought out the waterproof sock it almost revolutionized wet weather mountain biking in the UK. Working on the other extremities became the obvious next step and currently Sealskinz has many differing types of glove – and not all of them waterproof.

The Dragon Eye MTB Ultralite is, as you might think, the lightest trail oriented glove in the range.

Snug mesh back and elasticated cuff hold the Dragon Eye MTB Ultralite in place.

Invisible protection

The lightweight trail glove market is a hard area to target, as riders tend to have very specific needs. Some like a thin palm, some like padding, some want minimal backing, some want knuckle protection. The list goes on. Sealskinz has decided to forgo unnecessary features for the Dragon Eye MTB Ultralite, preferring to mate a very thin synthetic suede palm with a stretchy mesh back. This makes for a really light glove that you honestly forget you are wearing. As someone who preferred to ride gloveless they are a perfect transition.

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Thin but durable. The synthetic suede palm is perforated for extra comfort.

Super size me

The sizing helps, and it shows that Sealskinz concentrates on the extremities. The finger length is absolutely spot on with no extra material; this is mirrored with the mesh back. Palms are always a little tricky to get perfect; in order to make a palm durable the materials must effectively be non-stretchy. Here I did experience a little bagginess but not enough to create any issue with comfort or bar feel.

Sealskinz has thoughtfully included a couple of extra features, a little silicon grip to a couple of fingers plus, for the Instagram addicts, the all-important touchscreen compatibility.

Silicon grippers and touchscreen compatibility are present. The index finger can get a bit twisted up when the gloves are first put on.

Pull your finger out

It's hard to really find fault with the Sealskinz Dragon Eye gloves. I suppose that the elasticated wrist cuff could do with being a tad longer, and the stitching around the index finger pulls the silicon grippers to the side of the finger.

Verdict

Sealskinz has created a winner with the Dragon Eye MTB Ultralite. Almost as good as not wearing gloves for comfort and bar feel, but with the added protection of a durable palm.