

APCO JETCOM HELMET REVIEW

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A common question I hear from people getting into paramotoring is, “What helmet should I get?” I don’t know about you, but for me, it was surprisingly difficult to select a helmet when I first started doing my research. There are various brands, models, and sizes of helmets—then, to make it all more complicated, you have to select which type of comms you want to add (if you need comms). The process was daunting, and I have purchased several helmets throughout my years of flying.

As a snowboarder/skier and mountain bike rider, I’ve always liked the look of the style of helmets used in those sports. Many flying helmets have a look that seems to be modeled after the look of a jet fighter helmet. Not that one look is better than the other, but not all people want that aviation style.

When the new APCO Jetcom helmet was announced, I immediately noticed that the look of the helmet resembles the sportier style of a snowboarding helmet. Further research revealed an even more exciting bit of information. This helmet has the EN-966 Airborne Certification, meaning it is certified for air sports like paramotoring and paragliding. I knew I had to get my hands on one to see if it would meet my expectations.

APCO was kind enough to allow me to



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test one of these helmets, and I put it through its paces. I've had it for over a month and used it for about 30 flights. I can happily say that it met and exceeded all my expectations. I could tell you that I love it because it's super light (this helmet only weighs 14 ounces) or because it has a cool magnetic buckle clip. Maybe I love it because it has an adjustable tightening mechanism that makes it easy to fly with a balaclava under my helmet or because it has a lot of neat accessories like the full face shield, half-face tinted visor, and the super nice helmet case. But the truth is, I mostly love it because of how it looks and feels.

I ended up putting my own earmuffs on this helmet because I already have a Bluetooth comms set I'm happy with.

It was surprisingly easy to remove the standard ear muffs and install my own. I've made this my default tandem helmet because of how light it feels, and my neck appreciates that. When I'm getting in and out of my rig between flights, I don't feel like I have something heavy on my head. I also added the half-face visor and was pleased with how it fits. The visor has foam that touches your face the same way ski goggles do. It actually feels like I'm wearing large goggles, but I can simply flip the visor up as the sun goes down, which is much faster and easier than removing goggles.

All in all, I am delighted with the Jetcom helmet. It's now available for pilots searching for a lightweight, sporty

helmet. It's available in white, grey, orange, and green. I'd love to see other fun colors or patterns/designs down the road, but I think this is a great and comfortable option.

You can learn more about the Jetcom helmet by visiting apcoaviation.com

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