

Top 20 HighViz Tips

Introduction

This article outlines 20 ways to draw attention to yourself, listed in order of "the most bang for the buck." The Top Ten HighViz Tips are the ones that will be most effective at helping you get noticed by other drivers. Tips 11 through 20 (Ten More HighViz Tips) are additional ways to make yourself more visible to other drivers. A series of articles explains the concepts outlined in the tips.

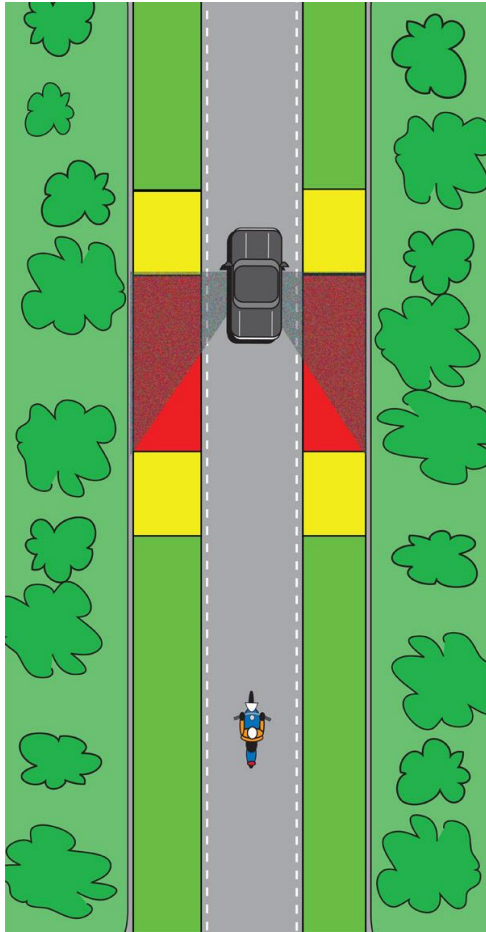
Each of the tips is assigned a point value. The more points a tip has, the more effective it will be at increasing your conspicuity. Your goal is to use the tips and add up points to be a perfect "10." If you're using, or if you adopt, enough tips from these suggestions to reach 10 points, consider yourself a "High-Viz" rider.

The Top 10 HighViz Tips

Take a look at the Top 10 HighViz Tips, decide which ones make the most sense to you, your riding experience, and the type of riding you do, and adopt them into your riding style. If none of the Top 10 tips appeal to you, or if you already use the Top 10 and are looking for more ways to be visible, take a look at 10 More High-Viz Tips. These 10 strategies will be most effective at helping you get noticed by other drivers.



1. Fluorescent/Reflective Safety Vest (4 points)
2. White or Bright Helmet (3 points)
3. Brightly Colored Jacket (2 points)



- 4. Strategic Lane Positioning (2 points)
- 5. Headlight Modulation (1 point)
- 6. Flash Your Taillight (1 point)
- 7. Reflective Materials (1 point)
- 8. Auxiliary Driving Lights (1 point)



- 9. Movement (1 point)
- 10. Hand Signals (1 point)

Ten More HighViz Tips

Tips 11-20 will not be nearly as effective as tips 1-10, but they can edge you a little closer to becoming a Perfect 10

- 11. Avoid Riding at Night (1/2 point)
- 12. Avoid Riding at Dawn/Dusk (1/2 point)
- 13. Aftermarket Horn (1/2 point)
- 14. Position/Marker Lights (1/2 point)
- 15. Avoid Riding in Poor Weather (1/2 point)
- 16. Avoid Riding during Low-Sun Angle or Seasonal Times (1/2 point)
- 17. Bike Profile (1/2 point)
- 18. Bike Color (1/2 point)
- 19. High Beam in Daytime (1/4 point)
- 20. Unusual Effects (1/4 point)