



VStream Touring Windshield Review

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One of the pieces of stock equipment that folks either love or hate is the windscreen. I was with the latter group regarding the stock windscreen on my 2017 RS. I am 5'8" with a 29" inseam and wear a large helmet size for both Shoei and Schuberth, so keep that in mind when determining if my experience with this VStream Touring will be close to yours.

The stock windscreen seem to deflect the wind to just below my helmet, so my helmet was in clean air. Putting the screen in the raised position meant having the wind deflected to my helmet, and creating lots of turbulence and more noise. I read the various posts on this and other forums and was pointed to Grumpy Goat's YouTube review of the MRA X-Creen. I installed that and had been using it for about 5 months. A modest improvement in the wind turbulence, and I'll admit I didn't try every possible position adjustment because the most extreme adjustments never got the deflected air above my helmet. Here is a pic of what my helmet looked like after a 400 mile ride a month ago:



I like to occasionally shoot video with a GoPro and having this much carnage doesn't make for clear video if I want to use my favorite mounting location: <https://youtu.be/3X9TiqT4bw> Yes, I know that particular video was shot on an RS with the stock screen, and there were a few cleanings of the face shield and GoPro lens on that ride.

I installed the VStream Touring windscreen last week and it was a 5 minute effort in total, and that was including the time to take off the MRA X-Creen. Very easy install. My first impression was that I wasn't all that thrilled with the look compared to the MRA X-Creen. In my opinion the VStream Touring doesn't fit as nicely with the "sport" appearance of the RS, at least not as nicely as the MRA X-Creen or OEM windscreen. When seated on the bike, the VStream is just about level with my chin, and in the raised position it comes up to just above the tip of my nose.

On the road, the difference in the airflow is readily noticed. I took the bike out for a nice long (almost 400 miles) trip



yesterday to give the VStream a good testing. The wind is deflected towards the very the top of my helmet but there is some slight turbulent noise. Still a big improvement over the OEM and MRA X-Creen windscreens. I was impressed by how much better I could hear the engine/exhaust with the improved air flow. When I put the VStream Touring in the raised position things really changed dramatically. Almost like the proverbial heavens opening and angels singing. Almost. First off I was amazed at how much quieter things seemed. The slight turbulence from the lowered position was gone and it felt like I was on an RT with its wonderfully adjustable windscreen. If I moved back in the seat I could get some very slight turbulence but much, much reduced from the lowered position.

I did get the bike up to 106 according to the GPS and never noticed a difference in the airflow/turbulence in the raised position. Very impressive.

Now I am able to crack the face shield open a few notches and it stays put, even on the wimpy Schuberth detent mechanisms. The OEM and MRA X-Creen wouldn't make it possible to keep the face shield partially open, even on the much sturdier Shoei detent mechanisms. Another benefit of the VStream Touring is that the relocated NAV6 has much more room for adjustments with the Vortex GPS mount. The OEM windscreen really limited the GPS position and while the MRA X-Creen allowed for more adjust in certain configurations, it still limited how far up I could position the GPS away from the gauge cluster.

The VStream Touring isn't perfect. I'm not a huge fan of the larger profile on the bike, but will gladly trade that off for long distance comfort. Being taller and with a wider profile the windscreen does bounce around a bit more on the bumpier sections of asphalt, but I don't think it was as floppy as the upper section of the MRA X-Creen. I also have to look through the windscreen when paying attention to some closer stuff which I would had usually been looking over the windscreen with the OEM and MRA X-Creen options. The last bit of annoyance is there is some very noticeable distortion at the very edges of the windscreen. Definitely more noticeable in the raised position where that top edge is closer to my line of sight.

Here's a pic of the bike with the VStream Touring in the raised position (I didn't think to get this profile shot with it in the lowered position):





This is the view (of sorts) from the lowered position:



And here is a pic of the windscreen after the nearly 400 mile ride. Being close to winter the bug population is reduced, but there was only one bug splat on the upper left corner of my ginormous Schuberth C3 Pro and nothing on the face shield.

