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The Force 5 cycling sunglasses from Serfas Optics.
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Serfas Force 5 Sunglasses have interchangeable lenses and deliver a helmet-compatible fit at an astonishing price

By Loren Mooney

Sunglasses are the kind of accessory that some people fuss over and others forget, and sometimes it's hard to find a middle ground. And it seems like, just when you decide to drop \$150 for **supreme technology and comfort**, they fly off your face at 27 mph in a two-up paceline when you adjust your helmet. The **Force 5 from Serfas** (\$60) is a mid-priced pair of shades that packs a tremendous amount of tech bang for the buck. Perhaps most importantly, they stay on your face.

First, the H.O.T., or **Helmet Optimized Temples**, which is a fancy way of saying that the rubberized ends wrap behind your ears and around your head snugly, but with no vice-like, headache-inducing grip, like some other sport **sunglasses** I've tried. The arms stay out of the way of your helmet, and are comfortable enough for all-day wear. And the rubberized nose-piece similarly keeps the **sunglasses** put. The 4 sets of interchangeable lenses cover you in all conditions, and are easy to slip in and out of the frame. The standard grey lenses are photochromic—they change in tint with the light conditions. Though the tint change wasn't as pronounced as on higher end sunglasses, I did feel like the shades were equally effective in dull, bright and ultra-glare conditions. (Polarized lenses are also available.)

The **Serfas Force 5** may not be the hippest, or the highest quality available. But the look is innocuous enough, and the performance good enough to make you feel like you've spent much more.

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