

PRESS RELEASE

VESPA RIDER ESSENTIALS

The new *Vespa Rider Essentials* collection interprets the unique style of the world's most famous scooter in a line of garments and accessories. A great way to live every day in true Vespa style, an icon of Italian design and elegance.

Milan, 24 September 2012 – Vespa, an icon of Italian design, taste and elegance, presents the new Vespa Rider Essentials range of garments in technical materials designed to appeal to those attracted not only by the trendy looks of the Vespa, but also by its sportier side.

Made from **state of the art rain-proof and wind-proof materials**, and with elegant *textures* complementing the essential, ergonomic design, the *Vespa Rider Essentials* range of garments and accessories are **protective**, **comfortable** and **versatile**.

The rainproof jacket and the longer overcoat, which offers even better protection against the rain, are completely waterproof and wind-proof, and extremely light. Inspired by outdoor sports, these items are elegantly personalised with the famous Vespa logo. Designed to complement the style of the coat and jacket, the extremely comfortable rain-proof trousers and riding suit are embellished with asymmetric reflective appliqués. An adjustable waistband and adjustable ankles make the ultra-light trousers even more practical. The fusion between style and safety distinguishing the entire range is also evident in the High Visibility Waistcoat with reflective Vespa logo appliqués. Made from Hi Viz EN 471 fabric and with elasticated side panels for a more comfortable fit, an inner lining and a broad reflective strip, this is a functional, high visibility garment.

The range of gloves, scarves and neck warmer-face masks_also combines stylish Vespa details with high-tech materials in a perfect fusion between design and practicality, accentuating the sporty character of the Vespa enthusiast who wants to stand out from the crowd with class. Two summer glove versions are available, both of which featuring reinforced palms, adjustable cuffs and personalised Vespa buttons. For riders who enjoy making a style statement, these gloves are available in an elegant combination of leather and fabric in five different colour choices, whereas those preferring a more subtle look will choose the black leather gloves with a classic design and perforated panels for increased comfort. For those for whom simplicity is paramount, the completely waterproof all season gloves in leather are the perfect choice.

For neck **protection** against the weather and improved riding pleasure, the warm new **Vespa Rider Essentials** collection includes a choice of **multifunctional** garments in an appealing range of colours and personalised with the unmistakeable logo of the true Vespista, which combine **versatility** with **wearability**. The collection includes a **wind-proof**, **breathable scarf** made from warm pile combined with technical stretch fabric, and a range of **neck-warmer tubes**, with ultralight technical stretch fabric linings and a wind-proof shell in pile, which offer outstanding protection for the face and neck and are available with a repeated Vespa logo print or in a black/grey colour scheme.

The rain-proof garment line is offered in a palette of five **colour** choices: green, grey, brown, anthracite/red (jacket and overcoat), and black (trousers and riding suit). As well as the black leather summer version, the extensive range of gloves also offers a choice of brown or black for



the leather *all season* gloves, and four fabric colours - green, black, red and white - to offset the black leather base of the summer gloves in fabric-leather. The range of scarves and neck warmers is offered in the three understated colours brown, green and black.

The garments (jacket, overcoat, rain-proof riding suit and trousers and *high visibility waistcoat*) and gloves in the collection are available in a range of **sizes** from XS to XXXL (XXXL only available for the jacket and overcoat in black). The neck warmer tube, scarf and neck warmer-face mask are offered in single size to fit all wearers.

The Vespa Rider Essentials collection is already **available** through the authorised Piaggio and Vespa dealership network.

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