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HJC FG-17 Valve Street Motorcycle Helmet User Manual

Model: 0817-1938-04 | Brand: HJC

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the HJC FG-17 Valve Street Motorcycle Helmet. This manual provides essential information for the proper use, care, and maintenance of your helmet. Please read it thoroughly before using your helmet to ensure maximum safety and product longevity.



This image displays the HJC FG-17 Valve Street Motorcycle Helmet, featuring a matte black finish with vibrant pink and white graphic accents. The helmet is shown from a three-quarter front view, highlighting the clear visor, the HJC logo on the front, and the 'ACS Ventilation System' text near the chin bar.

2. Safety Information

Your HJC FG-17 helmet is designed to provide protection and is DOT Certified. Adhering to the following safety guidelines is crucial:

- **Proper Fit:** Always ensure your helmet fits snugly and comfortably. A helmet that is too loose may not provide adequate protection in an impact.
- **Chin Strap:** Always fasten the chin strap securely. The strap should be tight enough so that the helmet cannot be easily pulled off your head.
- **No Modifications:** Do not modify the helmet in any way, including drilling holes, cutting the shell, or applying paint or solvents not approved by HJC. Such modifications can compromise the helmet's structural integrity.
- **Impact:** A helmet that has sustained an impact, even if it appears undamaged, should be replaced immediately.

The protective capabilities may be compromised.

- **Visibility:** Ensure your visor is clean and free of scratches to maintain clear visibility. Replace damaged visors promptly.

3. Helmet Components

The HJC FG-17 helmet consists of several key components working together for your protection and comfort:

- **Outer Shell:** Constructed from advanced fiberglass composite, providing impact resistance.
- **EPS Liner:** An energy-absorbing Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) foam liner designed to absorb impact forces.
- **Comfort Liner & Cheek Pads:** Removable and washable interior padding for comfort and hygiene.
- **Visor (Face Shield):** A clear, anti-fog, and anti-scratch shield for eye protection and clear vision.
- **Chin Strap (Retention System):** A secure strap system to keep the helmet firmly on your head.
- **Ventilation System:** Advanced Channeling Ventilation System (ACS) for full front-to-back airflow, flushing heat and humidity up and out.

4. Setup and Proper Fitting

A correctly fitted helmet is paramount for safety. Follow these steps to ensure a proper fit:

1. **Choose the Correct Size:** Measure your head circumference and refer to HJC's sizing chart. The helmet should feel snug around your entire head without causing pressure points.
2. **Put on the Helmet:** Hold the chin strap open and pull the helmet over your head. It should feel tight as it passes over your ears and cheeks.
3. **Check for Snugness:** Once on, the helmet should not move freely when you shake your head. Your cheeks should be slightly compressed by the cheek pads.
4. **Secure the Chin Strap:** Fasten the chin strap securely under your chin. It should be tight enough that you cannot slip more than one finger between the strap and your chin.
5. **Roll-Off Test:** With the chin strap fastened, try to roll the helmet off your head from the back. If it comes off, the helmet is too large or the strap is not tight enough.

5. Operation

5.1. Visor Operation

The FG-17 features a clear visor for optimal visibility. To operate:

- **Opening/Closing:** Use the tab located on the lower edge of the visor to lift or lower it. The visor has multiple detent positions for varying levels of opening.
- **Removal/Installation:** Refer to the specific instructions provided with your helmet for detailed steps on how to remove and install the RapidFire™ Shield Replacement System. This system allows for quick, tool-less removal and installation.

5.2. Ventilation System (ACS)

The Advanced Channeling Ventilation System (ACS) provides excellent airflow:

- **Chin Vent:** Located on the chin bar, slide the lever to open or close the vent, directing airflow to the visor for defogging and to the face.
- **Top Vents:** Located on the top of the helmet, slide the levers to open or close these vents, allowing air to flow

through the helmet's internal channels.

- **Rear Exhaust Vents:** These vents are designed to draw heat and humidity out of the helmet and are typically always open.

6. Maintenance and Care

Proper maintenance will extend the life and effectiveness of your helmet.

6.1. Cleaning the Exterior

Clean the helmet shell with a soft cloth and mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals, solvents, or abrasive cleaners, as they can damage the shell material and graphics.

6.2. Cleaning the Interior

The comfort liner and cheek pads are removable and washable. Hand wash them with mild soap and water, then air dry completely before re-installing. Do not machine wash or tumble dry.

6.3. Visor Care

Clean the visor with a soft, damp cloth and mild soap. Rinse thoroughly and air dry. Do not use abrasive materials or chemical cleaners that can scratch or damage the anti-fog/anti-scratch coating. Replace the visor if it becomes scratched or damaged to ensure clear vision.

6.4. Storage

Store your helmet in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Keep it away from chemicals, fuels, and solvents. Use a helmet bag to protect it from dust and scratches.

7. Troubleshooting

Here are some common issues and their potential solutions:

Issue	Solution
Visor fogging	Ensure chin vent is open. Apply anti-fog treatment to the visor. Consider a Pinlock® ready visor if available.
Helmet feels too loose	Re-check chin strap tightness. If still loose, the helmet size may be incorrect. Consider smaller cheek pads if available.
Excessive wind noise	Ensure all vents are closed if not needed. Check visor for proper seal. A snug fit helps reduce noise.
Difficulty removing/installing visor	Refer to the specific instructions for the RapidFire™ Shield Replacement System. Ensure correct alignment.

8. Technical Specifications

Key specifications for the HJC FG-17 Valve Street Motorcycle Helmet:

Feature	Detail

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Model Name	FG-17 Valve MC-8SF
Item Model Number	0817-1938-04
Shape	Oval
Closure Type	Chin Strap
Material	Fiberglass
Item Weight	5.34 pounds
Product Dimensions	12 x 13 x 16 inches
Safety Rating	DOT Certified
UPC	779423593436

9. Warranty and Customer Support

HJC Helmets are manufactured under strict quality control standards. For information regarding your product's warranty, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official HJC Helmets website. For customer support, technical assistance, or spare parts, please contact HJC customer service through their official channels.

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