Randonneurs USA Guide to EN1150 Vests

What is an EN1150 certified vest?
EN1150 is a European reflectivity / high visibility standard approved for non-workplace use for traffic-related activities such as road cycling. The EN1150 standard specifies a minimum area of coverage and placement of highly conspicuous background materials as well as retroreflective materials.

EN1150 certified products are intended to make cyclists conspicuous during the day through the use of highly visible background materials. An EN1150 vest also makes cyclists visible at night by illumination from vehicle headlights of retroreflective materials.

What does an EN1150 certified vest look like?
An example you’ve likely seen is the vest the ACP offered for PBP 2011, which met or exceeded EN1150 requirements.

The RUSA-branded PBP 2011 vests sold through the RUSA store were also EN1150 certified. Those vests were purchased from a European vendor.

Where can I buy an EN1150 compliant vest?
RUSA’s online store offers vest options that are EN1150 compliant. An online search for EN1150 vests shows options that are available for as little as $10.