

WISH LIST

With the latest woollies on test this month, there's no reason not to head out on the road! For longer trips, we look at ways to make sure the drama doesn't happen before you get there with a few handy gadgets to protect your cycle in transit

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DEDACCIAI NERO CORSA FRAME

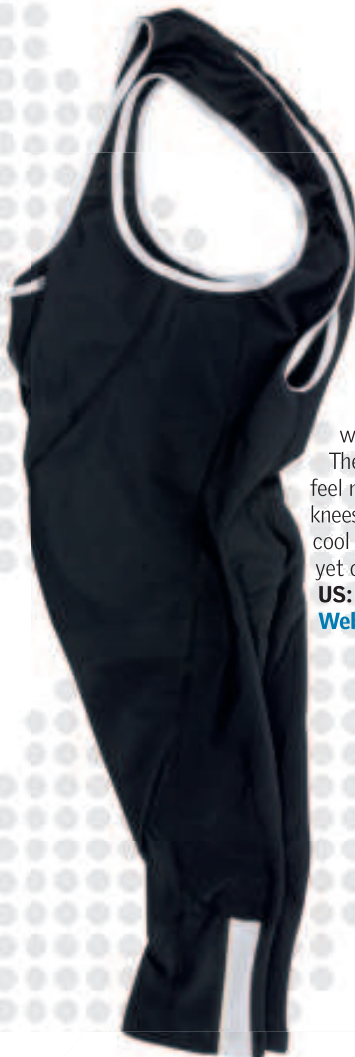
\$tbc/£tbc

Just 870g of state-of-the-art carbon fibre, Dedacciai's Nero Corsa frame is a top-quality lightweight racing frame at an equally competitive price. Dedacciai are experts in the field of tubing – carbon, aluminium and steel – so you know that this decal-less beauty comes from good stock. The monocoque main frame construction helps to keep the weight super-low while retaining stiffness, and it's suitably aerodynamic thanks to its aero section tubing.

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RAPHA WINTER HAT

\$55/£35

3/4 BIB SHORTS

\$220/£130

More winter woollies... Well, Lycras, anyway. OK, more specifically, when it comes to Rapha's Winter Hat, a mix of polyester, wool and elastane. It brings back memories... though, of course, its breathable Sportwool construction means it's a world away from winter hats of days past. And don't worry if you don't think it's quite for you – it will fit quite comfortably under your helmet.

Rapha's new three-quarter-length bib shorts provide warmth without being overly bulky or restrictive. They're made of brushed Thermolite Roubaix inner material that will keep you warm and feel nice against your skin. On the outside, reflective piping at the knees helps keep you safe after dark. There's something inherently cool about three-quarter lengths, and these are no exception. Warm, yet cool at the same time, if you catch our drift.

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Web: rapha.cc



CAMPAGNOLO C720 RAYTECH GLOVES

\$n/a/£44.99

Got the Campag groupset? Got the matching wheels? Now get the gloves. Northern hemisphere types are bracing themselves

for another chilly off-season. And if the current weather around *Procyling* HQ is anything to go by, the new Ice Age could last well into the new season, so these Raytech gloves might yet see some race action. Available in blue, yellow, red, or the all-black pictured here, the Raytechs offer windproof, thermal yet breathable protection, with a gel insert on the pressure point on your palm, and a reinforced thumb. Wrist closure is Velcro, and five sizes are available, from S up to 2XL.

US: 800 654 8052

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Web: campagnolosportswear.com





ARGON 18 E-112 TT BIKE
\$2,199.99 (frame only) \$5,374.99 (complete bike as pictured)/£1,199.99 (frame only)

We featured Argon 18's new E-114 time trial bike in our last two Las Vegas Interbike trade show specials – in 2006, when it was still just a prototype project, and a few months ago when we saw the finished article. And a fantastic machine it is, too. But the project yielded an extra frameset, too, in the shape of the E-112. We say "in the shape of" – it is, in fact, exactly the same shape as the E-114, as it uses the same mould. That means it has the same low-profile, minimalist front end to cut through the wind, but uses Argon 18's 5606 HM Nano-Tech carbon tubing. This was developed during the E-114 project, on the way to coming up with that model's 6006 HM Nano-Tech tubing. Presenting the E-112: still top-end, still fast, just slightly lighter on your pocket.

US: 514 271 2992 UK: 0870 607 0306 Web: argon18bike.com



PRO-LITE GAVIA CLINCHER WHEELS
\$tbc/£1,199.99

Pro-Lite's Gavia clinchers drew plenty of the right kind of attention when they were unwrapped in the *ProCycling* office. They feature a 38mm rim profile, with a lowered braking surface to eliminate the build-up of heat when braking, allowing pressures of up to 150psi. A ceramic coating lessens the usual problems associated with braking on carbon rims – and we're going to put this to the test ourselves next time it rains, which should be any time now. Gavia clinchers come complete with Pro-Lite's own carbon compound brake pads. The wheels also use Pro-Lite's Bolzano hub – a unique design with flanges that allow for higher-than-normal spoke tension, making for a stiffer, faster wheel.

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Pete Cossins, Editor
Adidas base layers

"I've always tended to use a racing jersey as my bottom layer on winter days, but this year I've been won over by both short- and long-sleeved Adidas base layers. They're shaped for a bike-friendly fit and wick away moisture very quickly, keeping the cold off my chest."



Ellis Bacon, Deputy Editor
Oakley Radar sunglasses

"I've finally got myself some 'Retina Burn' colourway Radars, which David Millar and Alexandre Vinokourov were sporting at the Tour. Oakley, who dished out the flouro yellow beauties at the Interbike trade show, have yet to decide whether to make them available commercially."



Jane Glover, Production Editor
Tacx Sirius T1435 turbo trainer

"This trainer is perfect for fairweather cyclists like myself who prefer to stay indoors during the winter. It's quick to set up, quiet enough not to disturb the neighbours, folds away easily and has a handy bar-mounted resistance control. All that's missing is *EastEnders*..."



Paul Godfrey, Art Editor
Vittoria Active Wear belt

"I'd never felt comfortable with a 'spare tyre' around my waist until I got this Vittoria belt. Made in Italy with real leather attached to the tread of the ever-popular Open Corsa Evo CX tyre, I reckon it'll be a hit with my club-mates and fashion-conscious missus."



Dave Glover, Paul Godfrey, Rob Monk

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PRO CHAIN TENSION DEVICE \$14.99/£12.99

Whether you're packing your bike into a hard case or into a more traditional padded bike bag, one sure-fire way to a chipped finish on your frame is to let the loose chain slap around the tubes as your bike feels the full force of turbulence at 35,000ft. Not to mention the baggage handlers at either end.

Removing the chain will solve that. But if you border on the lazier side, and you're prepared to leave your rear derailleur attached when you travel with your bike – and believe us, a whole

can of worms was opened up at *Pro Cycling* as to the benefits or otherwise of doing so – then PRO's Chain Tension Device could be the gadget for you. Removing the rear wheel – and with it, the cassette – for transporting leaves an untensioned chain. The Chain Tension Device's cog replaces it in the rear dropouts, and back comes the tension. Genius! Quick, efficient, cheap and simple – like all the best ideas.

US: 949 951 5003 UK: ultimatepursuits.co.uk
Web: pro-bikegear.com

TOUR DE FRANCE – THE HISTORY, THE LEGEND, THE RIDERS (MAINSTREAM PUBLISHING)

\$21.95/£10.99

The latest, updated edition of writer Graeme Fife's book, *Tour de France – The History, the Legend, the Riders*, is a comprehensive and enjoyable analysis of the world's greatest bike race. Short stories abound, both in personal accounts and race reports, about the epic stage on which much of the race is played out – the mountains. From Alpe d'Huez to the Col du Télégraphe via Mont Ventoux, you'll never again be caught out by pub quiz questions on Tour climbs. Accounts of the last 10 editions of the Tour de France are comprehensively covered towards the back, and a very enjoyable read it is too. Get any book tokens for Christmas? You could do a lot worse than exchange 'em for this in your local bookshop. Make sure you look for the 2007 edition, though.

US: ipgbook.com UK: mainstreampublishing.com
Web: graemefife.com

SKS SUB 40 PUMP \$tbc/£29.99

This is the kind of thing that provokes a "no way!" reaction when someone feels just how light it is. And SKS's new Sub 40 mini pump is a whole gram below 40g at 39g, which makes you wonder why they didn't call it the 39 – but then it's not nearly as catchy. Just 200mm in length, it fits easily into your jersey pocket, but also comes complete with a well-designed rubber band to attach it to your frame. Available in the black (pictured) or a very cool-looking white –

this season's colour of choice, although we're a bit concerned at what oily hands might do to it – the Sub 40 will apparently inflate your forlorn, empty tyre up to 144psi (10 bar), although we haven't yet had the opportunity to test that claim out on the road. We will, though: we've never wanted a puncture so much!

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WHAT I REALLY, REALLY WANT...

Scared of flying? Chances are, those of you gritting teeth on take-off are more worried about what the baggage handlers are doing to your precious bike. Well fear no longer...



Courtesy of Elite

**ELITE
VAISON
BIKE CASE**
\$n/a/£349.99

A recent trip to Italy had one of *ProCycling's* number left with a cracked carbon frame and an even more cracked smile. You pay your money and you take your choice, but no matter what airline you plump for, nothing will ever take away that sinking feeling as you entrust your bike to the mercy of the baggage handlers.

Or will it? Elite's Vaison hard case almost guarantees your pride and joy will arrive at your destination in one piece. Fitting your bike in is a breeze, and the padded interior ensures everything is held fast, helped further by the internal strapping system, so there's no danger of bits and pieces rattling around

and scratching the paint job.

On the downside it weighs 16kg on its own, and is on the large side by anyone's standards. But it has wheels, so it's easy to get about with. It's pricey, too, but such is the cost of protecting your bike these days. And top pro team Tinkoff, whose mechanics (left) used the Vaison all last season as they schlepped their machines from country to country, can't be wrong.

US: n/a UK: ultimatepursuits.co.uk