



Be Like Julian Dean, Sans The Cool Name
fizik Arione CX k:iium Team Replica Edition saddle

When I look down the list of cool names on the standings of the Tour, I always gravitate toward Thor or Julian Dean. Cool names. Rockstar names. Pornstar names. I digress. You can be like Julian Dean if you snatch up a team edition saddle, but it doesn't mean you can ride like him. It's the tried-and-true Arione we have all come to know and love just with some sweet team colors on the cover. Compared to the ti-railed Arione, the k:iium offers an 8% weight reduction because it incorporates the use of silicium and chrome. fizik claims it has better vibration-absorption qualities and more corrosion resistance. With the saddle you'll get some sweet branded fizik bar tape that's actually good!

WEIGHT: 199g
COLORS (L to R): Liquigas; Saunier Duval-Scott; Barloworld; Acqua e Sapone; LPR; and Garmin Chipotle
PRICE: \$200
CONTACT: fizik.it

Retro Fabness

Solo Classique jersey

The New Zealand crew make some badass jerseys that's for sure, and the stuff is truly made in New Zealand. No outsource to Asia for these diddies. The Sport X Dry fabric is awesome at wicking moisture, which means Solo can use colors, patterns and styles that are not possible with wool. The jerseys are screen-printed, not digitally printed, meaning a sharper image and richer colors that will stay vivid even after countless turns on the washboard. The zipper pull is designed for gloved fingers too, a smart touch. A small rear zipped pocket (in addition to the standard 3 rear pockets) is ideal for safe storage for phone, keys, cash, etc. A real cool feature is the knitted polycotton/lycra arm and neck bands, which allows Solo to maintain the retro sassiness. This guy is soft, style, supple and snuggly.

PRICE: \$135
CONTACT: solocc.com



Light My Fire

Sigma Topline Illux light

Sure it's getting dark later, but that doesn't mean Madison and her mom in the Excursion see you. Madison's mom is still trying to figure out how she can do the hands-free dialing, let alone steer the ship straight. She certainly doesn't have you on her mind! Okay, the light won't save you from catastrophe, but it will illuminate the hell out on the path ahead of you and perhaps make you more clear to, well, Madison's mom. The Sigma is short and stocky and takes up very little real estate, has 3 bright white LEDs, a permanent and flashing mode and crazy-long burn time. This water-resistant gem is visible from 3 sides, easy to mount and a click here or there is all it takes for the long road home to become a semi-safe one. Batteries not included.

PRICE: \$18
CONTACT: sigmasport.de/us



The Chameleon of Computers

Vetta RT288L Wireless

Remember when you had to wrap all that annoying cable around your brake line. Sometimes you did it too tight in an effort to make it clean and then discovered you couldn't turn your rig. I know those days are long gone, but why isn't everything wireless? Anyway, Vetta has been doing this stuff for years, making great little computers that are clean on the tops and accurate. Am I going 23, or could it be 19? On top of that, the computer is efficient in that it won't run out of juice and knows when to shut down and rest. Here are some of the fancy details: interchangeable front cover (different colors or coatings are available as accessories); large LCD display with 3 screens; Nitelite with SmartLite; service timer that notifies rider for scheduled service; speed comparator; energy efficient programmable auto start; current, average, and maximum speed, ride time; cumulative odometer; trip distance, 16 multi-freeze frame memories; 15 laps; 12/24 hour clock; an extra clear front cover is included. All this goodness in a tiny wireless, package.

PRICE: \$53
CONTACT: vetta.com



Like A Ray Of Light

Flashpoint FP60 carbon clincher

Who wouldn't love to have a set of Zipp wheels? A mountain of cheers come up from the background. Fade to black. The high-end Zipp line is near the top of the price point and not every "schmow" can afford to plop down big dough for a set. Zipp decided to develop an "indie" brand called Flashpoint, that are literally made in Indiana by the same folks who make the high-end stuff. You see the lineage and where this is going? They didn't compromise anything and each wheel is still structurally phenomenal and rides like a dream. The biggest difference of course is the price point and they achieve this by stepping down ever so slightly on the components that make up the wheel. Wink, wink. It will be hard to tell the difference in ride! Support our soil.

SPOKE COUNT (F/R): 18/20
WEIGHT (F/R): 854/1030g
COMPATIBILITY: SRAM, Campagnolo and Shimano
PRICE: \$1300 (wheelsset)
CONTACT: flash-pointracing.com

