



## Grab The Corner With A Wide Body

### Specialized S-Works Roubaix tire

It seems that 700x23c is so, like totally yesterday. Well it's not of course and neither is the triangle of frame design, but I have been using the 23/25c "dimension" for a few years and dig it. The casing is 25c while the tread is 23, so you get that healthy girth for durability and a "cush" ride and the 23 for the quickity-quickness we all yearn for. The open tubular design is ridiculously supple [290 tpi] making these dawgs a snap to install and the ride is equivalent [in my opinion] to a traditional tubbie. Plus, you won't be stuck at the side of the road when your real tubular goes "poof!" With a black sidewall [Kevlar bead] and the super-dope Quickstep theme, these pups are sure to cause some noise in your peloton.

**WEIGHT:** 245g [each]

**COLORS:** Black/Black; Black/Gerolsteiner; Black/Red; Quickstep [shown]

**PRICE:** \$70 [each]

**CONTACT:** specialized.com



## Seamless Design For Your Face

### Rudy Project Rydon glasses

Rudy Project is involved in every sport imaginable including sport shooting for gosh sakes! The Italian-made Rydon's look similar to many of the riding glasses out there, but the construction material is a bit different. This particular "piece" carries the ImpactX technology that was developed by the military and used on airplane cockpit doors and the Apache helicopter's windshield panels. In a nutshell, they are stronger than poop and will put up with anything you or the crazy drivers in "Anytown" shell out. Stronger than Polycarbonate, they won't crack under stress, and coupled with señor Polarized, the view you get is muy bueno. Light, clear, strong, stylish, Italian-made: Bingo!

**COLORS:** Various

**PRICE:** \$250

**CONTACT:** rudyprojectusa.com



## Practice Some Self-Control

### Control Tech Estro-MTX & Unit stems

It's that name that we have long-since forgotten. Go back a bunch of years and these guys were the nasty of the nasty especially in the mountain bike scene. *Decline* [our sister mag] tech guru Jordan rolls a Control Tech stem on his Landshark road rig! They are back in a big way with a condensed, yet sophisticated, line of road gear ranging from bars,

stems and seatposts. Shown here is the

Estro-MTX [left] that houses the trick mounting system so macho-men won't pinch the steer tube and the Unit that is beefier, yet lighter than well you know. I use the Unit on my System Six and it looks wicked and offers crazy stiffness. Now go scribble down the Control Tech name on your wish list.

**WEIGHTS:** See website

**PRICES:** \$120 [Estro-MTX]; \$300 [Unit]

**CONTACT:** controltechbikes.com



## If It's Good For Levi, It's Good For You Bucko

### Bontrager Inform RL

Bontrager decided that making some of the slickest components out there is just not enough. Now they've decided to get into the crowded saddle market. Are they insane? Naw. The RL line is super cush and they have enough sizes that will satisfy any rear. Here's the poop: Size Specific Curvature means each size has it's own unique curvature to deliver proper support of the skeletal structure; Zone Density Foam means denser foam where skeletal structure needs support, softer foam where soft tissue needs cushion. In a nutshell: a sweet saddle with loads of forethought and technology at a good price. Viola!

**WEIGHTS:** 220g [146mm]

**PRICE:** \$100 [men's]; \$100 [women's (WSD) model]

**CONTACT:** bontrager.com



## Oh Ritchey You're So Fine, You're So...

### Ritchey 4 Axis White stem [avail. August '08]

Did you hear that? Did you? Everybody and their mother is doing white product these days. While some look like your uncle Jimbo spray-painted it, the Ritchey stuff looks like it was baked for days at the best powdercoating place in the country. The HealthNet dudes ride this stem and it looks awesome on their rigs. It's a nice accent piece to any bike. Oh yeah, the product itself is the tried-and-true 4 Axis model that floats in at about 125g [110/31.8]. No carbon here, just 3-D Net forged from 2014 alloy for a superb strength-to-weight ratio, yet it snuggles up nicely to any carbon bar with it's contoured 4-bolt faceplate.

**COLOR:** White with black faceplate

**PRICE:** \$250

**CONTACT:** ritcheyllogic.com



## Super Geil Produkt Aus Deutschland

### SKS 700c fenders

Here's the scenario: It's May and the temperature a week ago was 100 degrees consistently. Now all the sudden it's 60 degrees and drizzling in South Pasadena. What the hell? I'm not prepared for this. This throws a wrench in my program. Think quick Schamber. Boom, in an instant I recall the fenders I shoved in the corner of my garage. Not the angry type that demand all kinds of time to attach and adjust, but the kind that snaps on firmly like a Lego brick. Lickety split, they're on and looking cool. Quick enough to keep my motivation at a nice level rather than sinking to the usual "F-this morale" when this grumpy old man gets frustrated.

**COLOR:** White

**PRICE:** \$55

### SKS Sub 40 mini pump

I get the "side-of-the-road-have-a-flat-blues" every once in a while and it's not pretty. Standing around while the thighs turn to mush and the forearms turn to spaghetti is not fun. While your tiny pump may be cool and light [this one is 39g], it may not do the job you need it to do when it's crunch time. The Sub 40 is hot looking, light and pumps like a Mo-Fo [up to 140psi]. Throw it in your back pocket or mount it to your frame for super sassiness...

**COLORS:** White [shown]; Black

**PRICE:** \$35

**CONTACT FOR BOTH:** sks-germany.com

