



**The all-inclusive water bottle.**

**Hydrapak Gel Bot**

Welcome folks to another installment of "Why the hell didn't I think of that" brought to you by the Gel Bot. Here's the checklist for a ride: tubes, "gas" (as Glen Chadwick of Team Type 1 calls Co2), multi-tool, handful of gels, and a ham sandwich. I am not a fan of tearing open the gel "bags", and since I am a sworn minimalist I prefer to downsize my accessories when preparing for a ride. The Gel Bot is the ultimate space saver with an emphasis on efficiency. Here's how it works: put some "goo" in the little nugget below, put water or whatever in the traditional bottle at left. Screw the nugget on to the bottle. Done. For liquid, lift the valve and squeeze effortlessly; for the "goo" just suck the lowered valve until it spills into your parched mouth. The nugget (or chamber as it is referred to by the Gel Bot folks) is compatible with just about every traditional water. How cool is that?

**PRICE:** \$15  
**CONTACT:** gel-bot.com

**Ploppity, plop, plop... Fizzzzzzzzzzzz!**

**Motortabs 12-pack assortment**

While a 12-pack of Sam Adams "full-strength" beer is \$22 in Utah, I am pretty certain that this 12-pack of tablets will maintain it's \$18 price tag and give you a bunch more energy. Sure they won't make you do the "Funky Chicken", but if you're out on the road the-little-tablet-that-could will bring utter joy to your performance. Fill up the bottle with water, drop the tab, watch it fall, then fizz, then go. No shakin' necessary! Carry a spare or two in your pocket for when you need a "pick me up". No problem. Word of advice: don't nibble on 'em. They are for your water and not for snackin'!

**PRICE:** \$18 [12-pack assortment]  
**CONTACT:** motortabs.com

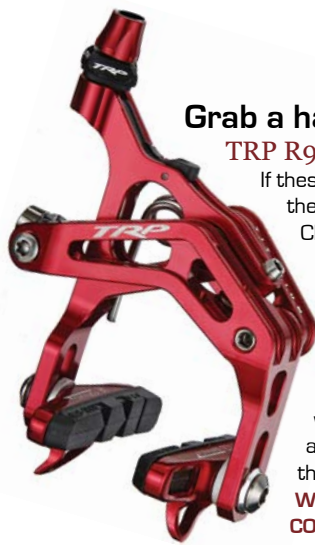


**Saddle me up...**

**RavX SpeedX saddle**

This one, that one. This one, that one. With too many saddles comes chaos in the mind of "Joe Consumer". This one is that wide and that one is made of this. RavX introduces the SpeedX. It has hollow titanium alloy rails, ultra lightweight padding, a base zone cut with kraton inserts, and a limited lifetime warranty. Easy on the paycheck, comfortable on the butt, and slick in style, the SpeedX will make any rig handsome.

**DIMENSIONS:** (LxW) 275x132mm or 11 inches x 5.3 inches  
**WEIGHT:** 198g  
**COLORS:** White or Black  
**PRICE:** \$70  
**CONTACT:** ravx.com



**Grab a half-handful, you'll love 'em.**

**TRP R960 brake calipers**

If these brakes are good enough for Ned "The Lung" Overend, then they certainly are good enough for you. The R960 is a forged and CNC alloy, dual pivot caliper with a sliding quick release feature that weighs just 120 grams per caliper. It's a lightweight brake that functions as well as, if not better than, any of the traditional dual pivot brakes. In fact, Ned says they are stiff and powerful and since he's faster than all of us, we should believe him! The nitty-gritty details: forged and CNC'd 6061 aluminum arms; adjustable angle cartridge pad holders with Swiss Stop pads; and titanium hardware. Sassy looking and sure to capture the attention of even the most pimped out road bud.

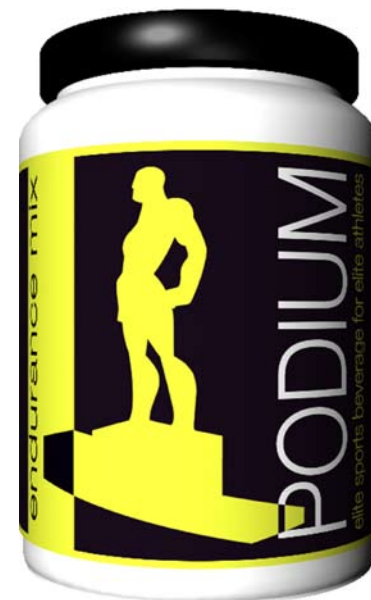
**WEIGHT:** 120g [per wheel]  
**COLORS:** Red or Black anodized  
**PRICE:** \$410 [pair]  
**CONTACT:** trpbrakes.com

**Jug full of magic powder.**

**Myogenesis Podium**

Scoping anything into your water can, at times, be a painful experience both for the vigorous mixing that is ultimately necessary and for the wicked taste that soon follows. None of that here people. The Podium powder mixes great and tastes even better. This stuff has been formulated to give an athlete energy via a 4:1 ratio of tri-stage carbohydrates and protein blend. With a complete electrolyte profile and glutamine for recovery, Podium is truly a "crazy" scientific sports drink. The scientists and physiologists at MyoGenesis have followed endurance athletes for more than 2 years and, in the end, believe they have made the ultimate sports mix. Try it, use it, embrace it.

**PRICE:** \$36  
**CONTACT:** myogenesis.net



**No Jim Beam in this lil' fellar.**

**Soft Flask for gels**

Cruising along at 30 mph in a group of old-school "Iron Curtain" types can jitter the nerves. Reach into the pocket and try and tear open the gel pack while trying to stay in a straight line next to Vladimir and Boris will make your teeth chatter like Neil on the Aubisque. Think ahead compadre and use the Soft Flask. You can put a crap load of gel in here and bite freely on the valve that releases the gel into your mouth without issue. It's durable and pliable, fits in your pocket and is easy to clean with soap and warm water. Plus, it eliminates trash and that sticky, goey sludge that hides in your pocket when you shove the "old" gel pack back in.

**CAPACITY:** 8 fluid oz.  
**OTHER:** No priming needed  
**PRICE:** \$10  
**CONTACT:** hydrapak.com