

Tech Briefs

Zipp Proves Cork Isn't Just for Wine Bottles

SPEEDWAY, IN—In response to the intense heat and residue buildup caused by braking on carbon rims, Zipp Speed Weaponry has developed the Tangente high performance cork brake pad that it claims outperforms all other carbon-specific pads in all conditions. “CNC machined from a unique composite material, the Tangente pad combines the stopping performance and durability of a synthetic polymer with the heat resistance and smooth feel of cork,” said Andy Paskins, marketing manager for Zipp Speed Weaponry. The Tangente operates at a lower temperature than any rubber-based pad, reducing the risk of rolled tubular tires and carbon clincher rim damage, while leaving no melted pad residue that can cause brake pulsation. It also reduces pulsation from rims with previous residue buildup. Tangente brake pads can also extend wheelset life up to four times compared to rubber-based pads. Like Zipp wheels, Tangente brake pads are made in the United States. Suggested retail is \$75.



Fyxation Brightens Rides with Colorful Treads

MILWAUKEE, WI—Fyxation, a manufacturer of urban riding and fixed gear components, just released the Session 700, an urban riding tire that combines design, durability and style. The tire is available in five colors and was developed to address the needs of today's urban riders. Unlike most urban riding tires, the Session 700 is also designed for the rider that spends as much time working on his tricks as he does darting through traffic. With this in mind, the Session 700 comes standard with Fyxation's specially designed pinch flat protection and full wrap-around tread



with diamond pattern for enhanced control and traction. These design features make the Session 700 an ideal tire for the urban commuter or the freestyle crew ready for their next session. “Urban riding is evolving faster than most tire companies realize,” said Nick Ginster, owner and founder of Fyxation. “Being a fixed-gear rider myself, it seemed to me that most tires missed the mark. Urban riding is not just brakeless bikes and skid competitions. While there is some truth to that perception, the sport is evolving. We are seeing people do things on fixed-gear bikes that you would typically see from freestyle or BMX riders. We developed the Session 700 to meet the needs of all urban riders.”

Toddlers Ride in Luxury on Adjustable Carrier

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA—Now children can be as comfortable on the bike as in the car with the German-made Kettler Rodeo child carrier. “The Rodeo combines a durable aluminum frame with a lightweight seating material called Textilene (similar to Kevlar) yielding a perfect balance of strength, flexibility, breathability, comfort and security,” said RD Rosete, bicycle sales manager for Kettler International. Additional features include adjustable footrests, reclining backrest, patented space-saving folding system and unique mounting bracket, which allows for quick removal and also provides impact and shock absorption. No luggage rack is required. It retails for \$239.99.

