

# PRODUCT NEWS

Editor **Dan Joyce** summarises a selection of new cycling products and developments that are in the shops or coming soon



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## 1. XTR GOES TO 11

Shimano's top-end mountain group has gone the way of Sram and Spinal Tap to 11. It too features a wide-ratio cassette (11-40), but one that works with singles, doubles or triples. [shimano.com](http://shimano.com)

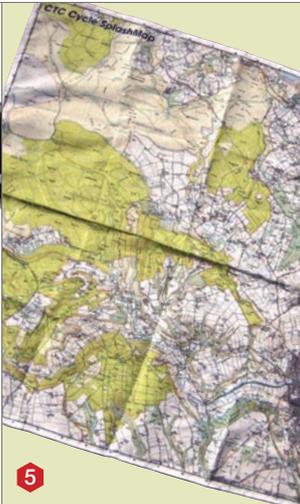
## 2. DROP-BAR HYDRAULICS

Last year Shimano launched hydraulic disc brakes for Di2. This year they've squeezed a reservoir into 11-speed mechanical brifters (ST-RS685). I'd love this in 9-speed... [shimano.com](http://shimano.com)

## 3. ADVENTURE BIKES

The bike industry seems to be rediscovering (and renaming) touring bikes. Specialized's AWOL (£1000) has a road triple so is overgeared, but it's a positive development. [specialized.com](http://specialized.com)

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## 4. SRAM SINGLE AGAIN

CX1 is 1x11 for drops: a ring with 38 to 46 narrow-wide teeth, plus a clutch mech. I see it trickling down to CX-style commuters. Derailleur and ring are 10-speed compatible. [sram.com](http://sram.com)

## 5. MAP YOUR WORLD

Chris Juden reviewed Splashmaps in the Aug-Sep 13 issue and liked them. I do too. You can now have a 1:25k fabric map centred wherever you like in the British Isles. [splashmaps.net](http://splashmaps.net)

## 6. 29+ TYRES ARE BIG NOW

Parse it – I'm right. They're becoming *marginally* more popular: Singular Cycles are launching the Rooster, which uses the 29x3in tyre size pioneered by Surly's Krampus (pictured). I'd buy one before a 650B bike or a 559-wheel fat bike... [surlybikes.com](http://surlybikes.com) & [singularcycles.com](http://singularcycles.com)

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## 7. ALDI BIKE STUFF

Sharpen your elbows: Aldi have another of their 'special buys' days for cycling gear on 29 June. £9.99 for a windproof jacket! [aldi.co.uk](http://aldi.co.uk)



**NOT LONG UNTIL SHOW TIME!** The Cycle Show at Birmingham's NEC is on from 26-28 September – see [cycleshow.co.uk](http://cycleshow.co.uk)