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**SHOWPIECES**

Right: Messe Friedrichshafen, EUROBIKE Show, eurobike-show.com



Despite taking place in huge exhibition halls and Zeppelin hangers, Eurobike is packed



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# EUROBIKE 2012

Eurobike is the world's biggest bike show. **Dave Atkinson** of road.cc made the journey to Friedrichshafen, Germany, and reports on a dozen items that grabbed his attention

## 1. MANDO FOOTLOOSE CHAINLESS FOLDING E-BIKE

There were plenty of belt drives (and the odd shaft) at Eurobike but the Mando Footloose goes a step further by not connecting the pedals to the wheel at all, at least not physically. Sensors in the bottom bracket gauge your effort and send motor power to the rear wheel. You get a mono-stay frame and fork, and it folds too.

[mandofootloose.com](http://mandofootloose.com)

## 2. SALSA COLOSSAL DISC ROAD BIKE

Were disc-equipped road bikes the big trend of the show? Not quite. Road hydraulic systems aren't quite there yet, but this tasty titanium road machine from Salsa makes do with Avid's excellent BB7 cable-operated stoppers. Check out the massive ENVE disc-specific fork up front.

[salsacycles.com](http://salsacycles.com)

## 3. B&M LUXOS DYNAMO LIGHT

Busch and Muller's new dynamo light looks really good –

the highest power version of the light pushes out 140lux (the beam shot looked pretty impressive) and the bar-mounted controller also doubles as a USB port for charging your gewgaws and trinkets when you're on the move. [bumm.de](http://bumm.de)



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can get it to pass not just cycle but motorbike testing... [abus.de](http://abus.de)

## 4. KRANIUM CARDBOARD HELMET

The Kranium helmet is now in production in the hands of Abus. The internals are waterproofed, corrugated cardboard and the resulting lid is so strong that Abus reckon they

## 5. GEORGIA IN DUBLIN DUBLETTE LADIES' JACKET

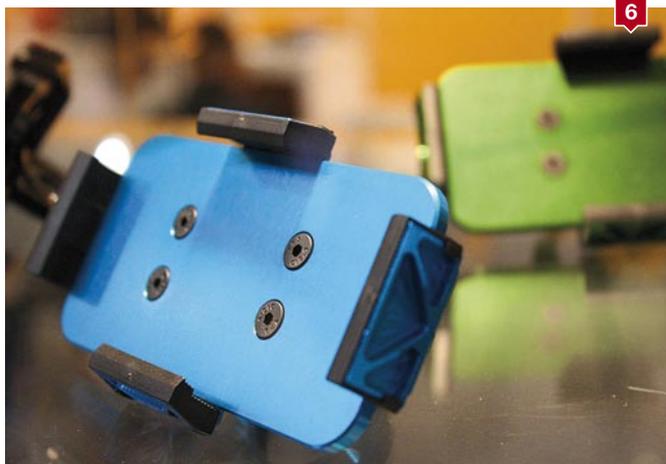
Ladies: if you want to stand out on the bike then you'll not see many jackets more stand-out-ish than this. The Dublette sports a huge dropped



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tail, elastic cinching on the back and arms and a removable cowl and hood, all in the very brightest of fluorescent orange. It's certainly a statement.

[georgiaindublin.com](http://georgiaindublin.com)

#### 6. KCNC ALU IPHONE

**HOLDER** KCNC are the masters of CNC machining. They had all sorts of trinkets on display; one of the ones that tickled me was this Aluminium iPhone holder, with a machined base plate and mount and angled jaws on all four sides to stop your smartphone exiting stage left over the inevitable British potholes.

[kcnc.com.tw](http://kcnc.com.tw)

#### 7. TERN MULTITOOL

Tern's new tool really does have everything covered: you get all ten keys, a Torx driver, screwdrivers, spanners, chain splitter, spoke keys and even a 15mm pedal spanner all in a package not much bigger than a box of matches.

There's a glueless patch kit included in the neoprene case too. [ternbicycles.com](http://ternbicycles.com)

#### 8. PINION GEARBOX

**BIKES** Last year the Pinion bottom bracket gearbox was basically a proof-of-concept; this year it was an option on a number of German manufacturers' bikes, including Tout Terrain and Patria. You get 18 speeds and a 636% range in a centrally-mounted, twist-grip-controlled package. Pinion are working on a lighter, cheaper 8-speed version for city bikes. [pinion.eu](http://pinion.eu)

#### 9. SLIDEPAD BRAKING

**SYSTEM** This *might* be a good idea – I'm not quite sure. The slidepad replaces a rear brake pad. Hauling on the brakes causes it to move and pull a cable that also applies the front brake. Two-wheel, rear-first braking from one lever. Just the thing for kids, city bikes, and one-handed cyclists? [slidepadbrake.com](http://slidepadbrake.com)

#### 10. SKS TOOL WRAP

Tool wraps are hardly a stop-the-press item but we liked this new one from SKS. It's got a sensible internal layout for your bits and

bobs and two webbing straps mean you can mount it to your bike in a number of different ways, or just bung it in your saddle bag. [sks-germany.com](http://sks-germany.com)

#### 11. BROOKS PANNIERS

Brooks were displaying their new panniers, the Land's End (rear) and John O'Groats (front) at the show. They're a roll-top design made from a mid-weight waterproofed fabric, with classic-looking webbing straps and leather finishing kit. Sold as single bags, you can fit them either side if you only need one.

[brooksendland.com](http://brooksendland.com)

#### 12. EXPOSURE DYNAMO

**LIGHT** Exposure's dynamo light, the Revo, is finally ready. It packs an 800-lumen output into a very compact package and comes bundled with a Shutter Precision dynohub. There's also a standlight function, giving you ten minutes of low-power illumination when you stop. [exposurelights.com](http://exposurelights.com)

