Press your face up to the virtual glass: Dan Joyce rounds up new drivetrains, lightweight tubes, and more

1 **Ridgeback Cargo-E** £3,699.99
Front-box e-cargo bikes aren’t new. What’s significant is that it’s a mainstream brand like Ridgeback offering it. The Cargo-E is powered by a Shimano STEPS 8000 mid-motor. ridgeback.co.uk

2 **Fox 32 Step Cast AX fork** £878.99
This 40mm gravel bike suspension fork (max tyre size 700×40C, 15×100mm axle, tapered steerer) was launched in 2017 but I first saw it on a bike in February. An expensive solution for too-skinny tyres? See p66. bit.ly/cycle-foxax

3 **Microshift Advent** £97.97+
A wallet-friendly, wide-range 1x drivetrain (11-42 cassette from £35.99, derailleur from £42.99, shifter from £18.99), Advent is 9-speed. It’s also available with a drop-bar shifter and in 8-speed. microshift.com

4 **SRAM Eagle AXS** £1,900–£1,950
Wireless shifting arrives off-road. It looks well thought out and also works with a wireless dropper, but the drivetrain alone costs more than any bike I’ve bought! sram.com

5 **Hexlox Universal Thru Axle** £52
This through-axle adjusts to fit different OALs and thread pitches, and can be locked in place to prevent theft. hexlox.com

6 **Tubolito innertubes** ~£29
Innertubes have lately been overlooked. These are said to be twice as tough and a third the weight of others. tubolito.com/en/

7 **Extrawheel Brave** £525
The trailer wheel doubles as your bike’s spare (choose front or rear). Price includes 26, 28 or 29in front wheel and two 50-litre bags. extrawheel.co.uk

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