

2021 TECH

Trade show were cancelled throughout 2020 but new products are still dropping off the conveyor belt of dreams. **Dan Joyce** sifts through a selection

Stock shortages

The pandemic has been a two-edged sword for the bike industry – as an article next issue explains

1 Surly Disc Trucker £1,900

Surly's steel tourer gets triple bosses and dynamo routing on the fork, 12mm thru-axles, a taller head tube, 'riser' drops... and a higher price. It keeps sensible 3x9 gearing and 26in and 700C options.

surlybikes.com

2 Ravemen PR1200 £99.99

Not just another high-powered LED light, the PR1200 has two lenses: a 'full beam' spot and 'low beam' for the road that shines down instead of dazzling. There's also a USB-out for charging your phone.

ravemen.com

3 Lezyne Multi-Chain Pliers £40

This 61g tool incorporates a chain splitter, valve core remover, disc rotor aligner, bottle opener, and magnetic storage for two quick-links.

lezyne.com

4 Schwalbe Aerothan Tubes £24.99

Like Tubolito's orange tubes, Schwalbe's Aerothans are: made from a thermoplastic polymer; lightweight; compact; expensive. My first thought: tubes?

schwalbe.com



5 NoPinz Subzero Suit £159+

Stuck sweating on Zwift because there's another lockdown? The Subzero suit has cooling gel inserts to keep your core temperature lower. Men's and women's available.

nopinz.com

6 Campagnolo Ekar £1,449

A 1x13 groupset from Campag: shrewd move into gravel territory or have they jumped the shark? "The world's lightest gravel groupset" features a tiny small cog: cassettes are 9-36, 9-42, or 10-44.

campagnolo.com





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7 Tern GSD £4,500+
I really liked the original GSD e-cargo bike (cyclinguk.org/terngsd10). It now has a motor with more torque (85Nm Bosch Cargo Line), a stiffer frame, integrated lower rack decks, a proper chainguard, a lock, and more. ternbicycles.com

8 Cinq Plug5 Pure €159
There's no buffer battery in this new version of the top-cap, dynamo-powered USB-port but 12km/h is enough to start charging a phone or topping up a power bank. The 'rotary door' closure is neat. cinq.de

9 Chater-Lea Grand Tour Double Crankset £595
Chater-Lea, resurrected by a fan of classic lightweights, is again producing high-end components in the UK. This 46-30 crankset (for a 113mm JIS bottom bracket) is coated by titanium nitride and weighs 668g. chaterlea.com



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10 Whisky Winston Handlebar \$200
Everything that's old is new again: the moustache handlebar is back. This one is carbon fibre. It has a 25mm drop, 73° backsweep, 60cm width, and a weight of 250g. It's intended for commuting, touring, and off-road use. whiskyparts.co

11 Effetto Mariposa Vegetalex £24 for 1L
Biodegradable and plastic free, Vegetalex is a plant-based tyre sealant that uses a mix of ground olive stones, cellulose fibres, and xanthan gum. Works for tubeless, tubes, and tubulars. effettomariposa.eu

12 Cube NuRoad Race FE £1,599
Cube's all-rounder isn't a race bike but a well-equipped gravel bike/light tourer/commuter. For 2021, gearing is 2x11 Shimano GRX with a 30-42 chainset driving an 11-34 cassette. Hub dynamo lighting, too. cube.eu



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