

First Look

Sneak a peek at the latest tri gear to hit the UK market

Feeling Blue?

Since making its debut at the Beijing Olympics, Blue's Triad bike has been making quite an impression on the US tri circuit. The company has sponsored riders such as Ironman Arizona 70.3 winner Andreas Realert and New Orleans Ironman 70.3 champ Brent McMahon. Now, following its official UK launch at the London Triathlon, the Triad is available to all – and if you're in the first wave of triathletes to pick one up, you'll get an hour's free wind-tunnel analysis for your trouble!

The frame of the Triad is constructed from Aerus Conquest high modulus carbon fibre. The Halo seating system allows the rider to choose from 76° or 80° saddle positions. All cables are internally routed, while Power-Arc curved chain stays aerodynamically tuck away the rear cassette and derailleur in their wind shadow. Also supplied as the 'standard' option is a Cane Creek S2 integrated headset.

And then there's that wind-tunnel sweetener. Every customer who buys one of the Triad complete builds gets a free wind-tunnel experience in partnership with Simon Smart at Drag 2 Zero. This, says Blue, will enable you to reduce drag by reaching the best and most comfortable aerodynamic position for you.

Look out for the official 220 test next issue. In the meantime, we can tell you that it comes in a variety of builds, with prices ranging from £2,999.99 for the SRAM Force, £3,499.99 for Ultegra SL 6700, to £4,999.99 for the SRAM Red and Dura Ace 7900 (pictured). Find out more at www.rideblue.com.





Best Shotz

sportASSIST has launched the Shotz Electrolyte – an effervescent tablet that dissolves in water to boost hydration and sodium levels during exercise.

The tablet is sugar-free, contains no artificial colourings, and comes in a portable pouch that's been designed to slot easily into your cycle jersey, backpack or sports bag. Go to www.assist.co.uk for more information.



Find the Formula

Eladon Ltd (maker of Elagen Sport) has launched a new version of its Joint Formula dietary supplement for athletes of all kinds. The supplement aims to replenish Hyaluronic Acid (a primary component in the tissue of our cartilage, skin and eyes, and something that our bodies create less of as we age) to recreate a protective environment for joint cartilage. It's priced at £7.82 for 60 capsules on www.elagen.com.

On the Wing

If you're looking for a rear carrier to tuck away your bits and bobs on the bike, then check out the new Turbo Wing. It features 15 different mounting positions for easy reach, tunnel-proven zero drag in high position (Xlab reckons the upper position saves 13 secs/km) and an anti-flex design to prevent whiplash bottle launching. Chrissie Wellington uses many of their products, including the similar Carbon Wing, which she sported during her recent world record-breaking race in Roth (see our race report on page 90).

There's a whole range of neat extras available, too, like vibration-resistant hardware, Loctite lock washers, Nylock nuts and a number of further options. Two large water bottles can be carried in optional Xlab Gorilla Cages (pictured here on the Turbo Wing); inner tubes, tyre levers or a tubular tyre can be carried in the X-Straps; while CO₂ canisters and the Xlab Nanoflator can be carried in the Xlab Sonic-Nut.

The retail price for the Turbo Wing is \$54.95 in the States and there's also a five-year limited warranty should anything go wrong. For more details, have a look at www.xlab-usa.com.



Dry as a, er, dog

Knog describes its Dry Dog 13 pannier as being "the reverse-aqua-Alcatraz of the bag world". The Knog website goes on to explain: "Just like those crims were prevented from leaving that island, the Dry Dog imprisons water, preventing it from entering the San Francisco within your bags. No-one gets in, no-one gets out. Simple".

Extremely tenuous metaphors aside, this smart pannier boasts handmade, waterproof sonic-welded construction using heavyweight 1200D backlined fabric. The zip and roll fold flap is designed to keep dust and water out to the extent that Knog reckon the Dry Dog can also double as a flotation device, while the anti-scratch lining seals a large internal storage space complete with a separate padded laptop compartment.

Meanwhile, reflective stripes and circles keep car drivers at bay and there's a removable, soft touch adjustable strap. It's available with or without German-made Klickfix hardware for bike rack attachment. The pannier retails for £84.10, and more details (and nonsense) can be found at www.knog.com.au.



Ride the Wave

Launching in the autumn is the Wave Cabrakan shoe, which claims to offer trail runners "the best performance for the most demanding terrain". The upper features a new nano-coated mesh to aid 'water run-off' and for ease of clean. The Wave plate in the shoe has also been upgraded with a

full-length 3D Composite Double Wave Fan, designed to give greater cushioning in both the forefoot and the heel, providing greater lateral stability across

the forefoot and protecting the foot from the penetration of sharp objects.

The Wave Cabrakan will retail at £80. Head to www.mizuno.eu for more information.



Compress for success

RGA's Compress calf guards are designed to improve the circulation of the lower legs, battling repetitive stress injuries.

Made using a circular-knit, high-gauge fabric, the high compression offered by the calf guards is intended to increase the circulation of your blood towards the heart, in turn allowing you to go further in your training. The guards are said to be ideal for age-groupers who have to stand for extended periods of time in their job, or those who sit all day at a desk.

The calf guards are on sale now, priced at £19.99 for a pair. www.rgactive.com will guide you further.

