



Pearl Izumi Octane SL MTB \$300

Pearl's obsession with absurdly light shoes has now extended into its off-road line. Leave it to company that created a sub-200-gram road shoe to build a 320-gram mountain-bike kick. But unlike a runway model, the Octanes care about more than just weight. For solid power transfer, these uber-lean shoes have a full-length, unidirectional carbon sole. Pearlizumi.com

Specialized BG S-Works MTB \$280

If it's good enough for off-road king Conrad Stoltz, the S-Works MTB shoe is good enough for anybody. It's especially a good choice for athletes who have benefited from Specialized's Body Geometry road and tri shoes. It's designed to correct improper foot alignment throughout the pedal stroke, which can often lead to knee and ankle discomfort. Specialized.com



ACCESSORIES

CycleOps PowerTap SL 2.4 Disc Brake Hub \$1,599

When the bike is your ace-in-the-hole (as it is for three-time XTERRA world champ Melanie McQuaid), power data while racing is a godsend. It features wireless readings (with USB download), coded heart rate and a head unit displaying speed, distance, power, heart rate and cadence. Saris.com



Louis Garneau Mond

The Disc feature a lot of amount of More than sult in a fan to cool you do your padding for comfort. Two poly bars and nine car inserts provide the str needed. Louisgarneau.com



Titec HellBent Carbon Bar \$150

The bar that world champs Conrad Stoltz and McQuaid swear by has an exceptional blend of light weight (190g), strength and surprising affordability in a race-level carbon-fiber bar. Of note are aluminum inserts in the clamp area (to prevent damage by heavy-handed installers) and aluminum inserts in the outer end of the bar for safe bar-end installation and general durability. Titec.com



Blackburn Mammoth 2-Stage \$30

With a massive barrel designed specifically for pushing larger volumes of air into today's bigger mountain bike Mammoth 2-Stage has a high-volume mode for faster inflation with less effort. The totally rebuildable pump has an aluminum shaft and comes with a cage mount. Blackburndesign.com



Full Speed Ahead K-Force Light Compact 388 \$770

This crankset drew tons of media attention during its debut at Sea Otter this spring. Aesthetically, the new K-Force Light is sexy, with its three-bolt fixing from arms to rings and a ringset combo (42/27 or 40//27) that matches with any standard crankset sizing. It comes complete with the option of a Ceramic BB30 or MegaExo bottom bracket. Fullspeedahead.com



Pearl Izumi Gel Vent FF Gloves, \$45

A soft leather palm will keep your fingers from getting beaten up (especially if you take a spill), while the red gel inserts provide not only cushioning against the trail shock, but also breathability on hot days. Pearlizumi.com

