



Fox Baseline

Price: £60

From: www.foxeurope.com, 0191 487 6100

Tested: Five months on and off the street

Daring to be different by mixing black laces and white uppers, the Baseline is not necessarily a shoe for riding in, although I spent a week doing so without shinning myself.

Comfy, stylish and identify you as a fashion-conscious rider.

Other, less disco, colours are available.

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661 Descend TAKI

Price: £69.99

From: MMA Sports www.mmasports.com

Tested: Six months

They're not called TAKI for nothing. These are for your flat pedal user who wants a Velcro-like attachment to their pedals while also wearing a pair of shoes that don't look out of place down the pub. A winning combination for any shoe.

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Sundog Anti Fog Stick

Price: £5

From: www.sundogeyewear.com

Tested: Three weeks

All glasses-wearers and any performance shades wearers know how annoying (and usually dangerous too) it can be when your glasses fog up. The worst time is usually stopping at the top of the hill, fogging up and then hoping it'll clear before you get to the really scary bit of the descent.

Having worn glasses forever, I accept fogging it as part of being speccy, but this lipstick-styled gadget from Sundog has helped ease the problem a bit.

The chapstick bit is made from beeswax and other bits and you use it to scribble onto clean lenses, then polish it with the supplied microfibre cloth. It dries and polishes clear and you don't notice it.

In the aim of empirical measurement, I only treated one lens and did find that the treated lens was slower to fog, and cleared quicker once I got going again.

It's cheap and convenient and when working well, you won't even notice it. Well worth giving a go.

Chippis



Clif Bars

Price: £15.48 for 12

From: 2Pure www.2pure.co.uk

Tested: Three boxes

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After a bit of an absence from this country, Clif Bars are back. Energy bars fall into two camps, the 'does-the-job-but-makes-you-yack' group and the 'palatable-and-gives-you-a-boost' group. Thankfully Clif Bars fall into the latter.

Available in Carrot Cake, Choc Chip, and Oatmeal, Raisin and Walnut flavours, there should be something that you can stomach at four in the morning halfway through a wet lap of some God-forgotten race-course.

We'd like to see some savoury flavours and they'd be perfect: Scotch Egg, Aromatic Duck with Soy energy gel, and Fish and Chips flavours in particular, but until Clif explores this culinary avenue, these will do the job just fine.

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