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Beat the winter blues with some retail therapy



1 FABRIC SCOOP GEL WOMEN'S SADDLE

£49.99, cyclingsportsgroup.com

They say dolphins get on with each other because they just click, and although true rider-saddle synergy is less guaranteed, it's hard not to be taken with the Scoop Gel. Three soft gel pads are sandwiched between a black or white upper and coloured nylon shell. It's wider than other Scoops – 155mm – but still comes in at very reasonable 278g, and costs an equally reasonable 50 quid.

2 PB SWISS TOOLS HEX AND TORX KEYS

£38.64/£31.64, pbswisstools.co.uk

Feed a goldfish some flakes and he'll get chocolate all over his mouth, but teach a goldfish to speak, get him a tiny suit and a job interview and he'll be able to feed himself for a lifetime. So it is with these tools from PB Swiss, which will help turn even the most ham-fisted cyclist into a life-long bike maintenance wizard. Precision-made, rainbow-coloured and the preserve of pretty much every WorldTour mechanic under the sun.

3 LAZER Z1 HELMET

£220, madison.co.uk

While you can't put a price on safety, you can put one on a helmet, and where the Z1 is concerned it's a high one. But

given the all-new camo colours, MIPS options and fantastic fit, the Z1 has plenty to justify itself – if anything it's the UK's current place in Europe that's to blame for such heady prices (see p35 for more).

4 MAXXIS PADRONE TUBELESS TYRES

£49.99, extrauk.co.uk

In the beginning, tubeless tyres were an excellent means of redecorating your workshop with latex. Now, thanks to advanced manufacturing standards, they're a cinch to install, and there's none so cinchy as the Padrone. Plus, weighing 261g each (25mm) they're light, at 170tpi they're supple, and being tubeless they

roll faster than pretty much any clincher tyre out there.

5 MORGAN BLUE PROFESSIONAL AQUAPROOF PASTE

£15.95, windwave.co.uk

A bottom bracket, a headset and a mouse walk into a bar, covered in Aquaproof Paste. A long pause ensues before the barman finally asks, 'Why the silence?' There is of course no reply, because this magical gunk from Morgan Blue quiets all creaks and squeaks from noisy press-fit BBs to tickety headsets to boisterous mice. Well, OK, we can only really vouch for two on that list, but in theory it should work on headsets.