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Assuming your copy of *Cycle* arrives promptly, The Cycle Show is on this weekend

## Showpieces



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# CYCLE SHOW 2012

The Cycle Show is on at Birmingham's NEC from 28-30 September. Editor **Dan Joyce** picks out some of the products he wants a closer look at

**1. CAMPAGNOLO ATHENA EPS** The trickle-down of electronic gear shifting continues: for 2013 Campag have made it available on Athena as well as Record and Super Record, making savings largely on material – Athena uses aluminium instead of carbon fibre. *Stand F11, Select Cycle Components*

**2. DEMON FRAMEWORKS** It's always nice seeing the work of bespoke framebuilders at big

shows. Demon Frameworks won 'Best Track Bike' at Bespoked Bristol back in March, showing their Hermes lugged-framed beauty. There will be a collection of other framebuilders at the show too, under the banner, British Handmade Bicycles. *Stand J7, Ominex*

**3. KINESIS TK3** We've reviewed the Kinesis Tk2 before and liked it; it's relatively unusual for a road bike, being

designed around 57mm-drop sidepulls so you can fit mudguards without fag paper clearances. The new version of what Kinesis call their winter bike has a tapered headset and carbon fibre fork – without undermining that mudguard compatibility. *Stand H22, Upgrade Bikes*

**4. RIESE UND MÜLLER LOAD** Pictured (overleaf) at Eurobike, the Load is a new-for-2013 cargo cycle from Birdy

folding bike manufacturer Riese und Müller. It's like an updated Long John, with a front platform and a steering linkage. It has suspension front and rear, a two-leg parking stand and, most significantly, electric assistance. The shallow seat angle means it should fit a wide range of riders. *Stand C26, Riese und Müller*

**5. DURA-ACE 11-SPEED** Shimano's top-end road groupset, Dura Ace, goes 11-speed for 2013. >





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Above: Messe Friedrichshafen, EUROBIKE Show, eurobike-show.com

› The sprockets aren't any thinner than 10-speed; they're just a bit closer together and the freehub is 1.8mm wider. The largest range cassette is 11-28. Weight (and presumably lifespan?) has been shaved too. *Stand G22, Elite/Shimano*

**6. ALLY CAPELLINO BAGS**

You know cycling is moving into the mainstream when luggage is available with a focus on fashion, not just functionality. Ally Capellino has been working with Carradice to produce a range of waxed-cotton bags with leather trim. The range includes a pannier, rucksack and dispatch bag. Prices start from £150. *Stand B42, Carradice of Nelson*

**7. CONDOR CYCLES**

Along with St John Street Cycles, Condor is one of the surefire

places at The Cycle Show where you'll see touring and audax bikes. Both are worth a visit for that reason – and they may have something new too. Last year, Condor were showing a Step Thru version of their Italia light tourer/commuter, as well as this Heritage tourer. *Stand E1, Condor Cycles*

**8. SPECIALIZED FATE EXPERT CARBON**

You still don't see all that many on UK trails, but 29-inch wheels are carrying unstoppable marketing momentum these days; Specialized's off-road range is dominated by them. They're not just for niche bike owners or tall people now: the two-model Fate range is 'the world's first women's carbon hardtail 29er'. The Fate Expert Carbon is £3,000. *Stand G31, Specialized Concept Stores*

**9. GARMIN VECTOR PEDALS**

Garmin's power-measuring pedals



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seem to have been on the horizon for ages. While we've got cranks and wheels that measure power already, pedals are obviously more convenient as you can easily swap them between different bikes – even different kinds of bike. They're priced at an eye-watering £1149, however. *Stand L22, Garmin*



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**CTC will be at The Cycle Show too. Do drop by to say hello. Stand A11**



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