



VOR- FRONT FENDER AND MUD FLAP SKIN

We've been seeing a lot more use of the Vor-Skin fender design this year and we like it. It's amazing how well it works and how easy it is to retrofit when you need some spray protection. You should thank Kirt Voreis (Specialized) the next time you see him.

We've come across one quick tip to improve the original Vor-Skin design. During full compression the Vor-Skin can fold backward and buzz the tire, creating a harmless yet unnerving sound when you are shredding trail - precisely when you don't want to hear it. While on a trip earlier in the year to Specialized headquarters in Morgan Hill, California, we were informed that attaching a zip tie (or zap strap, for you Canadians) to the fork arch and pointing it up behind the Vor-Skin will nullify the noise. We hear Specialized Product Manager, Brandon Sloan, deserves credit for this. It works wonders, so thanks, Brandon.



Once you've ridden the same mountain bike long enough there becomes a natural inclination to wonder what it would be like to change the head angle of your bike, especially if you savor the downhills. Yeah, you can throw a longer fork on your bike or try to get a shock with a shorter eye-to-eye length, but that's going to throw off some other things, too. But now Cane Creek has a headset that will do just that, adjust the head angle of a bike.

Called AngleSet, the headset uses a patent-pending design that is head tube length independent so it will work with most head tube standards. A self-aligning feature between the bearings and the steer tube ensures a perfect fit and makes fork installation a snap. The AngleSet offers riders a choice of +/- 0.5, +/- 1.0 and +/- 1.5 degrees of offset from the bicycle's stock head angle. Riders can also choose a 0-degree setup to achieve the bike's original head-tube angle. There are AngleSet headsets to fit 1-1/2-inch head tubes and 1-1/8- to 1-1/2-inch tapered head tubes and they all require a 1-1/8-inch steer tube.

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ANGLESET CHANGING THE GAME HEADSET



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Follow DECLINE magazine on twitter: @declinemagazine // Rockstar Energy Drink announced Contour (formerly known as VholdR), as the official camera of the Rockstar Energy Drink Team. Contour will be supplying the team with its award-winning hands-free video camera in order to help Rockstar athletes capture and share video with fans. Check out the footage on contour.com and rockstar69.com. // Shimano took the wraps off their fully revised 10-speed XTR gruppo for 2011 that will include two- and three-chaining setups as well as new brakes and pedals. XTR's Rider Tuned philosophy allows a rider to choose drivetrain and braking options that best fit their style, use and terrain. For more info go to Shimano.com. // RockShox displayed their new Reverb adjustable height seatpost. The Reverb can be set anywhere in its 125mm of travel via a hydraulic actuation lever that is super smooth. It will be available later in the year in 30.9mm and 31.6mm diameters. For more info go to rockshox.com. // A completely new line of air- and coil-sprung rear shocks are being introduced by X-Fusion. The coil-sprung Vector Series has been redesigned to be stronger, lighter, more durable and a lot more adjustable. The air-sprung O2 Series has been redesigned to offer better performance and additional weight savings. For more info go to x-fusion-shox.com. // In conjunction with their sponsorship of the Downieville Classic, Giant Bicycles released info on their updated Trance X and Reign bikes. Both models received new tubing that reduced weight while increasing stiffness, press fit bottom brackets and slightly slacker head angles. For more info go to giant-bicycles.com. // With the experience gained in goggle optics production, Poc has decided to take the next step and enter the sunglass market. Poc sunglasses are equipped with NXT lenses, initially developed for fighter jet canopies. Their properties include extreme impact, temperature and chemical resistance and superior optical performance to existing technologies. For more