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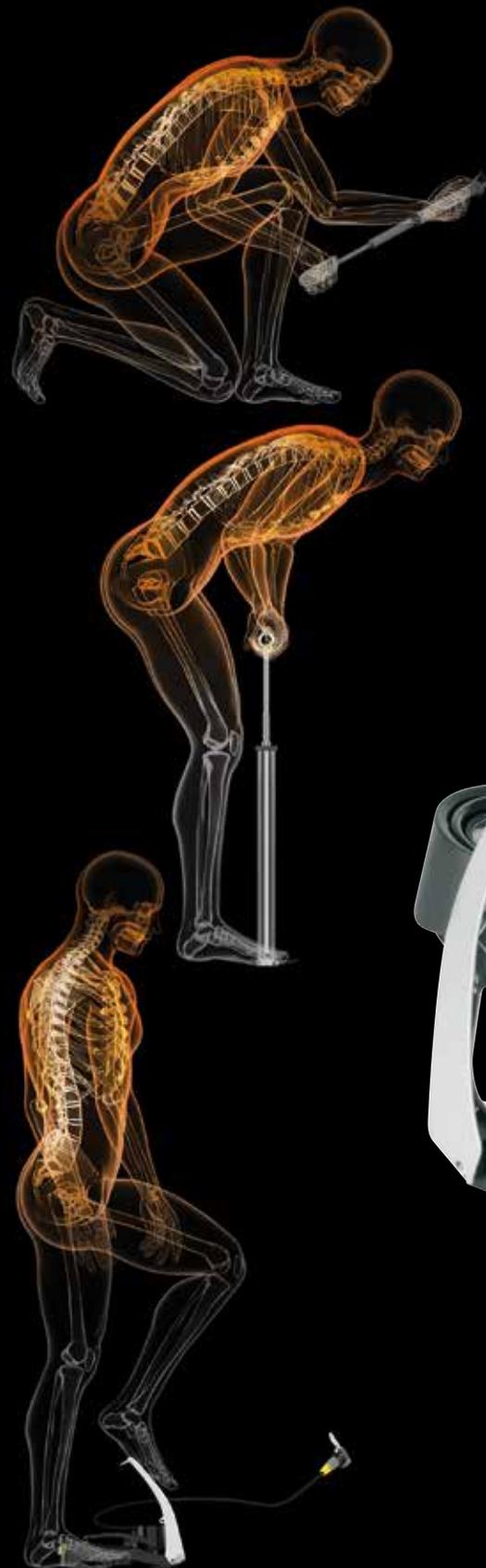
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Dear SKS GERMANY Fans!

Biking makes you happy and that is a proven fact. It promotes health, clears the head and strengthens the immune system. When the legs have found their rhythm and the wind is blowing in your face, you have a feeling that comes very close to the term "happiness".

With this second issue of Ride on! magazine, we want you to share the feeling of happiness that racing sport enthusiasts convey to us day after day. Be fascinated by Adam Klimek's bikepacking tour through the Grand Canyon and get to know Daniel Hülsmann who has not lost his passion for cycling, even though he has had a number of accidents. Have a glimpse behind the scenes of our company and learn interesting new things about the world of SKS GERMANY.

We invite you to acquaint yourself with both the new and the proven. Have fun when doing so and all the best!

Ride on!

Your SKS GERMANY Team



With a passion for air

MADE IN SUNDERN *Sauerland*

If that isn't real love, then what is? A wedding is held in the SKS GERMANY production hall a number of times per day! A wedding is also the term for the connecting of a piston rod and the handle with the tube and foot section of the floor pump. A bond for life that a large number of our loyal customers appreciate – the SKS pressure producers are thoroughly solid and reliable. We do not provide a five year warranty on all of our pumps for nothing. Spare parts are also available years later so that the products can be used with great pleasure for a long time. This is not only good for the wallet, it is also good for the environment.

Our SKS employees at the new floor pump assembly facility ensure this continually high quality. It's a fascinating thing to see when a RENNKOMPRESSOR or an AIR-X-PRESS is formed from a large number of individual components. With Sauerland air and a great passion.



Semi-automatic insertion of the handle and piston rod.



Screwing the collar and the pump tube together.



The AIR-X-PRESS 8.0 in manual assembly and the final inspection.

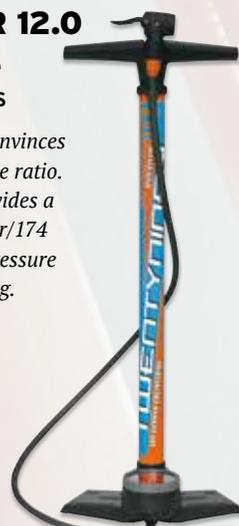
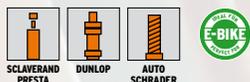
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AIRKOMPRESSOR 12.0

The high performance pump for all occasions

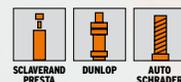
The 73 cm high floor pump convinces with a good price-performance ratio. The extra-long steel tube provides a high volume per stroke (12 bar/174 psi). An extra-large 80 mm pressure gauge ensures a good handling.



TWENTYNINER

The pumping volume power pack

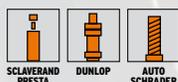
The extra-long steel tube in the high-performance TWENTYNINER makes it the ideal floor pump for all mountain bikers and trekking bikers. With its extra-large diameter, the pump tube ensures rapid inflation (5 bar/73 psi). It comes with an 80 mm pressure gauge and a ball/mattress adapter.



AIRWORX PLUS 10.0

Convinces with its design and function

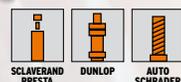
With its above-average height of 73 cm, the SKS AIRWORX Plus 10.0 supplies even more capacity (max. 10 bar/144 psi). A special feature is the pressure release valve on the easy to read pressure gauge at the top. This function enables pressure to be released in tubes with SV or AV valves.



RENNKOMPRESSOR

The original for more than 50 years

The RENNKOMPRESSOR has been the most popular pump in the field of international cycling sport for more than 50 years in addition to it being the only legitimate father of all floor pumps. It is supplied in authentic SKS orange and is available with four different pump head options.



AIR-X-PRESS 8.0

A great floor pump for beginners

The stable and extremely light plastic floor pump with pressure gauge has no difficulties when it comes to pumping up to 8 bar/115 psi. The simplest handling thanks to the proven SKS pump head with clamping lever.



Daniel Hülsmann

COME BACK STRONGER

The prognoses he received from the doctors was a brutal one: »You shall most likely lose your left lower leg.« Daniel Hülsmann was hospitalized after a severe accident. At the end of September 2009, an 18 year-old beginner driver did not see him when he was turning left and drove into the side of him. He can still recall the screaming in his head, scraps of conversation and panic. He was hospitalized with more than 30 fractures resulting in an odyssey. He was hospitalized in various hospitals for a period of five months. It was possible to prevent the amputation of the lower leg by performing complicated surgery eight times. It was a hard time. »There were days when I thought, "simply amputate the leg".« But Daniel Hülsmann did not let himself get down. On the contrary; he disproved the prognosis that he would never be able to walk without pain and started his own individual rehabilitation treatment: he is back on the saddle of his racing bike after ten months. »The pain became bearable when I was cycling. I had to have an objective. That was also important for my mind.«

Three years later: Daniel Hülsmann has pulled through. He takes part in the largest global bike race for Joe Public: the HEW Cyclastics and reaches a sensational place under the first 30. The success did not last however. He is still unable to explain the second severe accident he suffered in 2012. His racing bike skidded slightly on the wet road. He lay in the road for two and a half-hours until someone found him. A femoral neck fracture - the left leg again. Giving up is not an option for Hülsmann however: after completing hard training, he bikeds over the Alps in 2013, this being followed by numerous alpine crossings. Then the third accident that occurred in Italy in 2016. »The front wheel was torn off and I collided with a tree stump.« He nevertheless succeeded in continuing for 50 kilometres until he arrived at the Accident and Emergency Department: with adrenalin in his blood, eleven rib fractures and a lung rupture. »One thing was already clear to me in hospital the next day: I would be getting back in the saddle.«

Biking has always been a life-determining aspect as far as Daniel Hülsmann is concerned. The 44 year old was a member of the of the NRW Junior Team in the 90s and he has been a member of the Team Sauerland Jedermann since 2018. His motto: Cycling Rocks. The "Land of the 1000 Mountains" plays a special role in the life of the committed special school teacher. He was born in the Ruhrgebiet area and has been living and working in Sauerland since 2005, »the most beautiful area in NRW.« It is the bond with nature that fascinates him when biking. And »This sport takes you to your limits. it is the best possibility of clearing your head.«

He has cycled more than 100,000 racing kilometres since his first accident. He is also no longer haunted by them. What remains is a sensitive perception, especially concerning wet roads and curves. In sport terms, there are no alternatives as far as Daniel Hülsmann is concerned. The cycling sport was and is both a passion and a therapy: »I have returned just a little better after each accident.«



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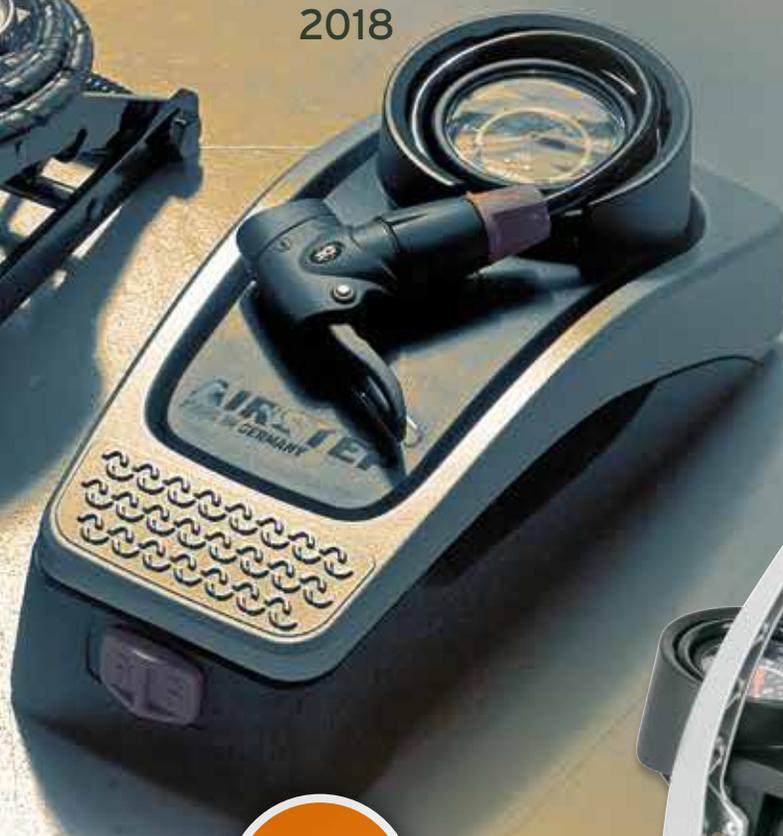
Airstep

TIME TO STEP FORWARD AGAIN



1958

2018



Rekord

THE CLASSIC

Everybody knows it: the good old foot pump that was the thing to have in all good households and when on holiday. It reliably does its work step by step. The RECORD foot pump from SKS was already popular back then as the user knew how to appreciate the comfortable method of pumping in an upright position. The foot pump is now stepping forward in time for a new appearance: the AIRSTEP has been especially designed for inflating bicycle tyres, it having been developed further so that it is now a high-end product in the field of pump technology.

The AIRSTEP combines the virtues of a classic foot pump and the latest "Made in Germany" technology. First class materials of the highest quality, a well-conceived design and user-friendly features such as the large pressure gauge, the integrated storage space for the spiral hose and the multivalve head (for use with all valve types) provide the pump with a completely new and innovative appearance for stepping out.

An ergonomic activation of the robust aluminium foot pedal enables the maximum possible pumping performance of 7 bar/102 psi to be achieved without difficulty. After pumping, the stirrup is folded down and locked in place with the push of a button. Its compact form and the wall bracket are a perfect space-saving solution.



Max. pressure: 7 bar · 102 PSI



Ergonomic pumping



Hose storage space



Locking system



STARTING SIGNAL FOR THE RACING SEASON

SKS BIKE-MARATHON

The small town of Sundern is a Mecca for mountainbikers from around the world once a year. The reason: they are being attracted to one of the largest sports events in Sauerland - the SKS Bike Marathon. SKS GERMANY has been staging the marathon in cooperation with the Mega-Sports Team for a number of years now. The 1600 cyclists can expect a demanding course across the Sauerland mountains with tricky descents and great single trails. The starting signal is fired on the SKS site, where the starters meet up at the starting line between the production hall and the dispatch department. We have mingled with the cyclists in order to find out why the starting positions at the SKS Bike Marathon are in such demand.



SKS GERMANY also had their own team at the starting line.



Greenzone Biking, Wuppertal, Silvia Werthwein: "The course is attractive but not too demanding. I also meet a lot of acquaintances."



Nutrixion, Team Leader Daniel Kersten: "THE spring classic and a good route to 'get started'. The atmosphere is always super."



Thomas Fortkord, Jochen Bollkemper, Michael Berenbrinker from Verl: "We're here for the first time. We were lucky this year and were able to grab a starting place."



TUS Oeventrop, Jochen Krayl: "Taking part is a tradition for us. Everyone can perform within the range of their possibilities."



Team Burn Baby, Chiara (14) and her mother Christina Baganz, Oeventrop: "The SKS Bike Marathon is a home race, super organised and informal."

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ROBUST SPACE MIRACLE

Whether on mountainbike trails through the forest, with the city bike across town or a racing bike tour on narrow tyres - the new bicycle bags are your reliable partner for all sporting challenges. The water-repellent fabric mix enables rain, splashing water and dirt to simply drip off. Laminated zips ensure that no moisture is able to penetrate the inside of the bag. The non-slip EASYZIP-Slider enables you to open the zip without difficulty even if you are wearing bicycle gloves.

The loop and hook fastener or click mounting system makes the mounting of the bag child play. In addition to the sophisticated design, the bicycle bags also convince with additional features such as the orange coloured interior lining for a better view, reflecting elements and loop that can be used to attach a flashing light.

EXPLORER

The solid one.

A must have for all mountain bikers! The robust materials that are made from a rubberised fabric are able to withstand all biking adventures.



TRAVELLER

The sporty one.

These bicycle bags have been especially designed for trekking and city bikes and combine the attractive design of the TRAVELLER bicycle bags with practical functions.



RACER

The lightweight one.

Lean and aerodynamic, the RACER optimally integrates itself on the racing bike but nevertheless provides enough space for tools, a spare inner tube and keys.

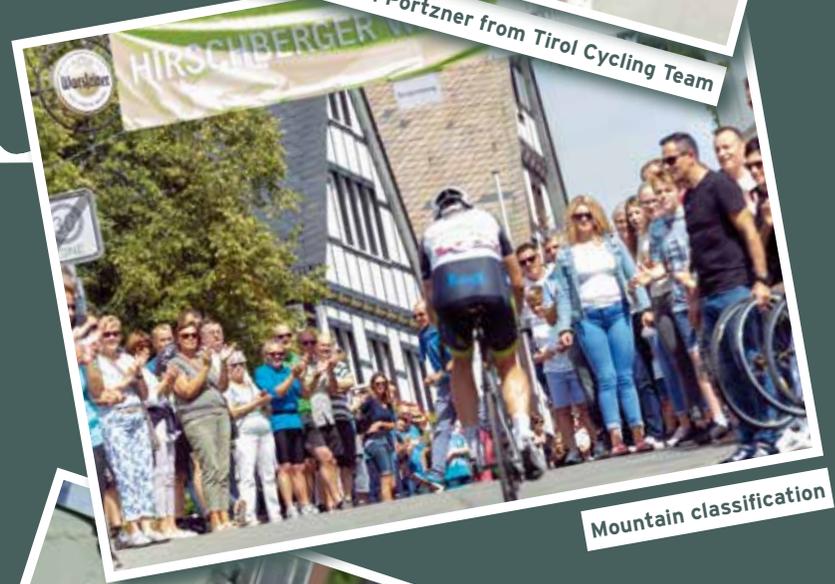


THE SAUERLAND TOUR

CLIMBS HIGHER



The winner Manuel Portzner from Tirol Cycling Team



Mountain classification

HIRSCHBERGER WALL

When world-class cyclists compete in a fantastic race through the "land of the 1000 mountains" then it just has to be the Sauerland tour. The top league race exudes a touch of the "Tour de France" atmosphere as the route is in a class of its own. Not only the sprint classification on the SKS site is an undisputed highlight, but also the mountain classification on the "Hirschberger Wall" - in the truest sense of the word. The short tricky ascent in the small town of Hirschberg is 33 percent and is one of the steepest mountain classifications for bicycle racing in Europe! Whipped on by hundreds of spectators, the cyclists master the notorious "wall" twice. Well done!



Ramp



33%

Berghang





STAY ATTACHMENT CLAMPS

SMALL BUT WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

It is often the small things that provide a great benefit. The great demand has resulted in us including practical stay attachment clamps for suspension forks in the SKS bike accessories range. With these, you can now mount the stays on suspension forks easily and in a straightforward manner.

Diameter: 26.5 - 31.0 mm

Diameter: 31.0 - 34.5 mm

Diameter: 34.5 - 37.5 mm

Content: 2 clamps incl. screws



PURE CARBON

PURE LIGHTNESS

The PURE is one of the lightest bottle cages on the market. Not only does the full carbon design ensure a lightweight solution, but also a secure hold for all water bottles. Thanks to the straight fibre structure, the material also offers a high degree of resilience when compared with woven carbon structures. With its slender appearance, the bottle cage in a matt/glossy, stealth design leaves nothing to be desired in terms of appearance.

WEIGHT: 19 g



DUAL POLYCARBON

STRONG TO THE POWER OF TWO

DUAL combines recycled carbon fibres from the automotive industry and impact-resistant polyamide. The material that goes under the name POLYCARBON scores with strong advantages: the high carbon content of the bottle cage makes it especially light and at the same time guarantees a high degree of stability. The clean stealthy look in matt black - supplemented with discrete glossy applications - enables the cage to even do justice to the highest design demands.

WEIGHT: 28 g



LUBE YOUR CHAIN

THE HIGHT PERFORMANCE CHAIN OIL MADE IN GERMANY



NOT ONLY FOR
TOP ATHLETES!

LUBE YOUR CHAIN was developed by experts from the automobile industry and meets the highest standards. It scores with an excellent corrosion protection and the oil is also 100 percent solvent-free. It contains PTFE, which forms a protective film when it is applied that reduces metallic chain friction. The especially designed oil bottle with applicator ensures a simple, clean and optimal wetting of each of the chain links. For up to 75 applications. You can find an instructional video at [youtube.com/SKSgermany](https://www.youtube.com/SKSgermany).

- 100% solvent-free
- Has a sealing effect and reduces friction
- Reduces wear and noise
- Developed by experts from the automotive industry
- High level of protection against corrosion
- Easy, and clean to use
- Made in Germany

**A PRECISE
APPLICATOR**

FOR AN
ECONOMICAL AND
CLEAN USE

ALPE D'HUEZ LE TOUR 2018

THE L' ALPE D' HUEZ LEGEND

An altitude of almost 1100 metres along a length of around 14 kilometres and an average ascent of 7.9 percent - one person sees the ascent after the L'Alpe d'Huez as being the hardest leg of the Tour de France and for the others, it is a huge event.

Especially the Dutch transform the legendary "Dutch Corner" into an Oranje party hotspot each year but the inhabitants of the Sauerland also enjoy having a party. SKS fans in their especially made orange Team Sauerland shirts also took the opportunity to enthusiastically fire-on cycling professionals such as the officiating world champion and wearer of the green jersey Peter Sagan.



Fans from the Sauerland with the winner of the green jersey:

Peter Sagan



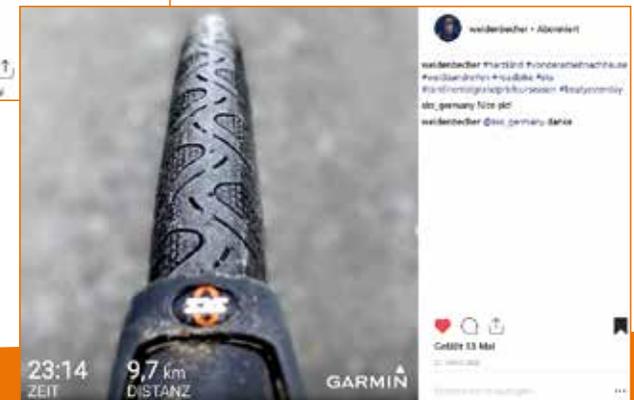
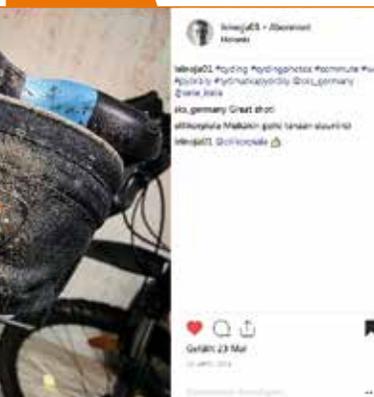
Fulfilling the dream of
all racing cyclists

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Instagram

Instagram is a perfect platform for sharing cool, funny and emotional photos and videos with each other. A large number of great postings from our followers that concerned themselves with cycling have already been marked with our hashtag #sks_germany. You will find a small selection here:



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SPEEDROCKER

READY TO ROCK THE GRAVEL!

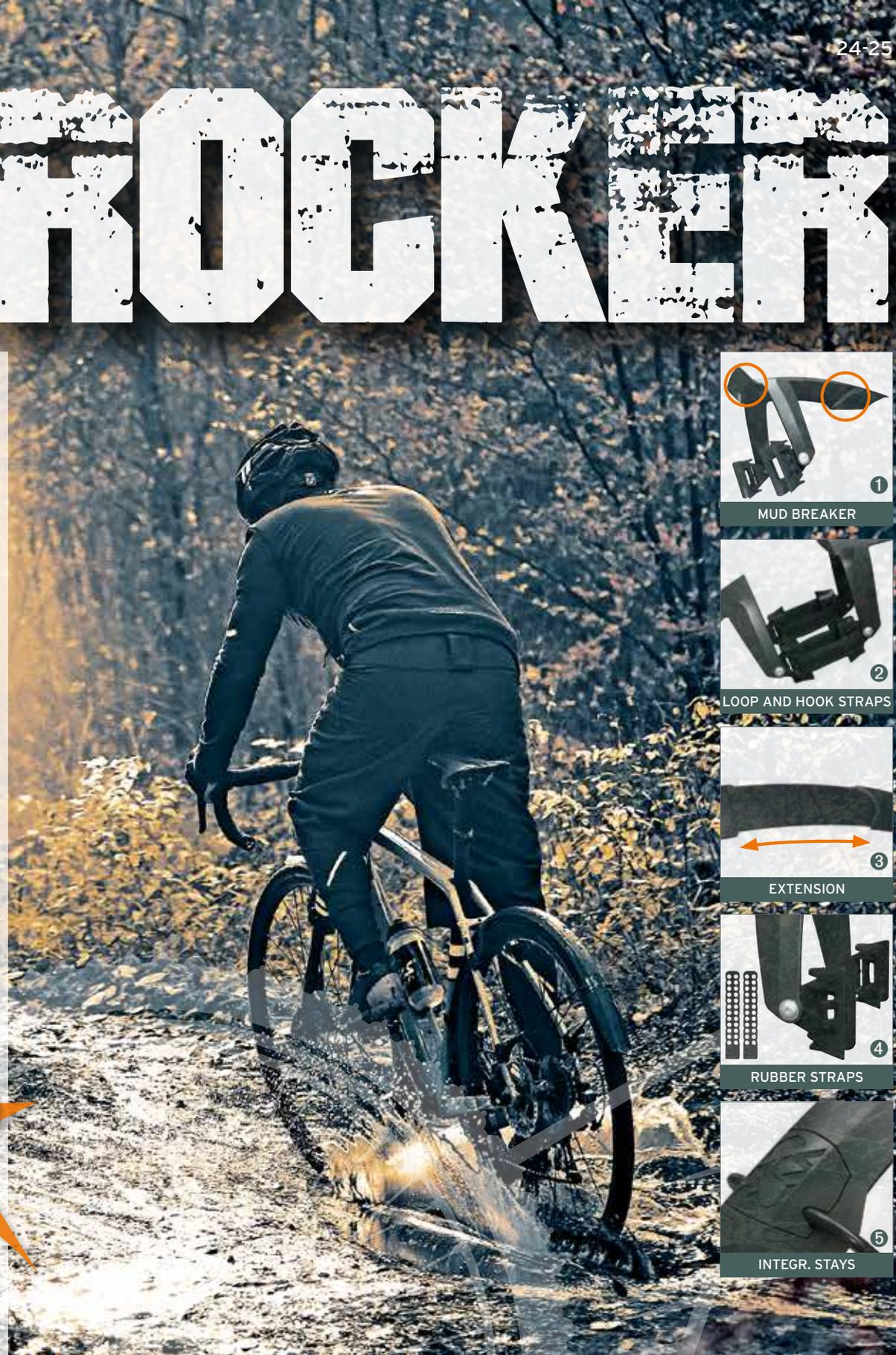
Ready to rock the gravel - the future of mudguards has arrived! The SKS SPEEDROCKER has been specifically developed for compatibility with gravel and adventure bikes, cyclocross bikes and road bikes with tyres exceeding 32mm, up to 42mm. Proudly Made in Germany, the SPEEDROCKER offers incredible stability over the roughest tracks while also providing optimum protection in all weathers.

At the front, protection is enhanced with a new dual-height front spoiler, which deflects water and mud onto the wheel and downwards, away from the rider's face. The rear mudguard utilises an innovative telescopic extension for greater coverage near the seat tube, and everything is held firmly in place with an all-new rubber fastening system to suit a multitude of frame designs, including integrated recesses for brake or gear cables as required.

The SPEEDROCKER also showcases an update to SKS's stay design, the ESC Vario Safety System. The sturdy but lightweight black anodised aluminium stays have been designed wider than normal, to run over the top of the mudguard, and covered by a protective plate. This not only gives the SPEEDROCKER a sleek overall appearance but also maximises the available clearance between the tyre and mudguard.



28" | tyre width: 42 mm | length front: 500 + 210 mm · rear: 950 mm | 408 g



MUD BREAKER



LOOP AND HOOK STRAPS



EXTENSION



RUBBER STRAPS



INTEGR. STAYS

SPONSORING

We have been committing ourselves to highly motivated racing cyclists, teams and cycling enthusiasts for many years. It is our aim to support people who have a passion and live for the cycling sport in the same way as we do with our products. A small selection of our sponsoring activities:



His mission: 40,075 trees. His vehicle: a self-constructed bamboo bike. In order to highlight the importance of climate justice, Basti Gutmann (Bamboobasti) has been travelling around the world for the last year or so – equipped with products from SKS GERMANY. As a plan for the planet ambassador, he has made it his aim to plant more than 40,000 trees and motivate people to do likewise.



An entry in the Guinness Book of Records, an author, a winner of a cultural prize and an adventurer with heart and soul: the Hinterländer Mountainbikers combine “local history and underarm perspiration” on their tours. With history as their motto, the five friends from Hessen have been conquering the world with their bikes – always searching for historical circumstances.



Benedikt Fritz is the winner of the MTB Federal League/Juniors 2018. The 17 year-old is a member of the Augsburg Mountainbiker Team that we equip with SKS products. His favourite product is the AIRMENIUS. “The products from SKS GERMANY are super as they are all made of high quality materials”, he explained.

Heat, 530 kilometres, unpaved gravel paths. These were the extreme conditions that faced 18 students from the Willy Brandt Grammar School in Oer-Erkenschwick when they rode through the oldest desert in the world on their bikes and that was all for a good purpose! Their journey started in Windhoek, before they continued into the Namib Desert with products from SKS. The donations they collected were given to the NaDEET Project that assists people in Namibia with the sustainable protecting of their environment.

The Tirol Cycling Team was founded in 2007 with the aim of enabling young talented bikers to switch to the professionals. Numerous World-tour professionals from Austria have been pedalling their way to great success in the Tirol Cycling Team in recent years. Always accompanying them: products from SKS GERMANY. “The pumps, tools and mudguards are of the highest quality and simply unbeatable in this sector, said Harald Berger, the sports director: “We want to continue to get closer to the world elite and establish ourselves as the best international U-23 team in the long-term.”



The Fly Cycling Team from Northern Italy comprises sportspeople with Type 1 diabetes and participates in national and international competitions. “We want to prove that everyone with diabetes can also compete at a sporting level with the right control and good nutrition”, explained Luca Lucini from the Fly Cycling Team.



The Team Hrinkow from Upper Austria mainly participates in Europe Tour road races. Its greatest success was winning the Sekerland UCI 2015 and 2017. The team permanently has the RENNCOMPRESSOR with it “With the floor pump, our mechanics almost have an unfair advantage”, said Dominik Hrinkow.



COMPIT

THE SMART COMMAND CENTRE

More power, more safety, more comfort. SKS GERMANY presents a new generation of smartphone holders under the name COMPIT system that integrates the sophisticated technologies on the bike, thereby ensuring more riding fun. The easy to use complete set combines numerous core functions in a single central and compact system: a smartphone holder, a Qi-certified +COM/UNIT for an inductive charging of the smartphone with an integrated NFC chip and a mounting feature for the front lamp. An optional adapter is also available for use with an actioncam. The COMPIT system can be mounted using smartphone cases with a special mounting device or a universal mounting device, these both being available.



YOU WILL FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THE COMPIT PRODUCTS AND ACCESSORIES ON OUR WEBSITE:
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The smartphone holder for all conventional handlebars and front-end combinations holds your smartphone safely and securely even in extremely rough terrain. With a twist, you can affix your smartphone horizontally or vertically thanks to the oversized bayonet attachment and can move it into the desired position by adjusting the angle.

Handlebar | Ø 22,2 · 25,4 · 31,8 mm

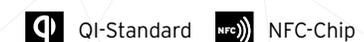
The COMPIT+ system comprises a smartphone holder and a Qi certified +COM/UNIT with an integrated NFC chip. All mobile devices that can be equipped with a cableless charging function can be connected to the Qi certified +COM/UNIT, enabling it to be recharged on the road - no matter the angle and if it is in use at the time. It is affixed with a twist over the oversized bayonet attachment. Devices without an inductive charging function can also be easily connected to the +COM/UNIT and charged using the USB connection that exists on the holder.

Handlebar | Ø 22,2 · 25,4 · 31,8 mm



Developed especially for e-bikes with Bosch Intuvia/Nyon displays, the COMPIT/E smartphone holder is adapted so that the smartphone and board computer form a closed unit on the handlebar. With a twist, you can attach your smartphone horizontally or vertically thanks to the oversized bayonet mount and can move it into the desired position by adjusting the angle. Numerous functions are therefore covered with just one holder that is integrated on the front-end combinations. The cockpit is clean and the handlebars are free.

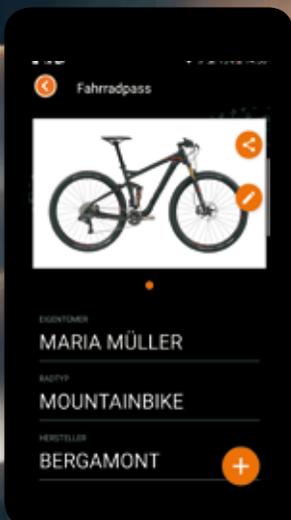
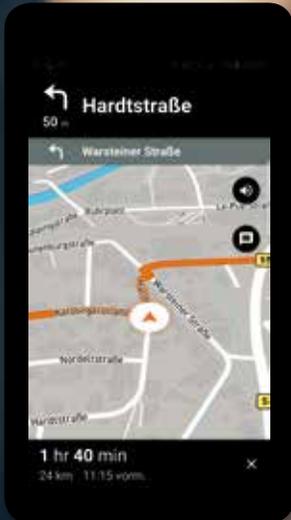
The COMPIT/E+ system consists of a smartphone holder and Qi-certified +COM/UNIT with integrated NFC chip. Connected to the eBike's power source via USB interface on the board computer, the sophisticated technology allows your smartphone to charge without you requiring a cable. A twist secures the unit onto all conventional handlebar/front end combinations and allows for any angle.



APP on your bike!

SKS GERMANY offers a special services with the free MYBIKE App. The App provides you with an all-round relaxed biking. It helps you with the route planning and the navigation, provides information on weather warnings, where to find a dealer and service stations. An especially practical feature: the application can be started immediately without you having to log in.

Additional features are the clean cockpit, the speedometer, the digital bicycle bell and the bike pass. This stores all of the important data that in the case of theft can be downloaded before being immediately transmitted to the police or insurance. The SKS MYBIKE-APP is available in IOS and Android versions and can be downloaded from the App-Store or from Google Play Store.



BLUEMELS 75 U

The BLUEMELS 75 U mudguards cover a max. tyre width of 65 mm. The flexible sandwich design in which the super-fine aluminium strips have been embedded in a black matt plastic sheath make the mudguard extremely robust, rigid and corrosion-protected.

800 g (incl. the mount)
 Max. tyre width: 65 mm/2.5"
 Length front: 680 mm
 Length rear: 920 mm
 Plastic



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FOR FREE

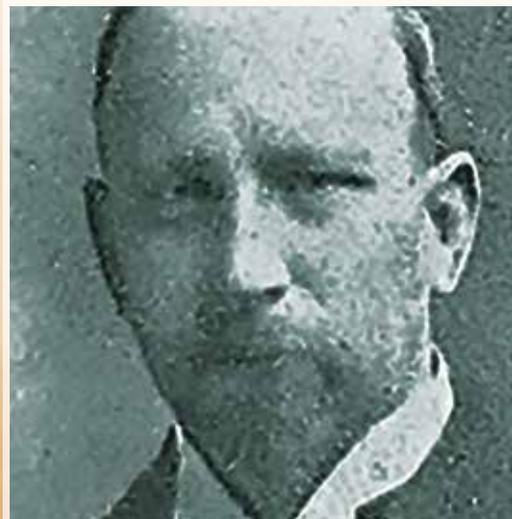
NEW

Bluemels

SINCE 1985 BY SKS GERMANY

HOW A COINCIDENCE TURNED INTO A STROKE OF LUCK

Bluemels. A strange word. It sounds a bit like the minimisation of the German word for flowers, 'Blumen' but it does not have anything to do with plants at all. It has more to do with enrooted



Charles William Bluemel

ded rapidly. In 1902, the production relocated to Wolston/Coventry. The company portfolio continued to expand and now also includes motorcycle parts and parts for the automotive industry. In the 1940s, the sons Frank William and Roland Edward Bluemel expanded the company further and had automotive parts manufactured for Jaguar and Austin Martin. In 1961, the product portfolio not only comprised bicycle and motorcycle accessories but also moulded plastic parts, number plates and name plates.

Bluemels had to file for insolvency in the 80s. In 1983, the SKS CEO Willi Blome was informed by Chicken, an English bicycle wholesale retailer that an inspection of the Bluemel production plant would certainly be interesting. This was a tip that proved to be pioneering for the former air pump manufacturer SKS as when they arrived in Coventry, not only was the pump production to be found at Bluemels but also machines for the manufacturing of CAB mudguards. As SKS had already concerned itself with the production of PVC



The Bluemels factory close to Coventry

structures that not only exist at SKS but also at a traditional English company.

It was the year 1860 and the English company C. W. Bluemel and Brothers Ltd. was founded in East London by Charles William Bluemel and his two brothers. The cycling products quickly gained an excellent reputation and the company expan-

mudguards, the decision was made to take over the production plants and this resulted in a piece of corporate history being made.

In 1985, a group of SKS employees travelled to England together with Willi Blome and the Plant Manager Walter Scheffer in order to dismantle the machines and prepare them for the transport to Germany. This work took weeks to complete and last but not least there were ten articulated lorries ready for transportation. After completing a large number of tests and conversion and expansion work, the new SKS mudguard production was able to produce its first order for Hercules in the winter of 1985.

The mudguard range was continually developed further over the years. At the beginning of the 90s, SKS was a bicycle OEM that delivered to 90 countries around the world in addition to it being able to develop its market position until it attained its current position as the top supplier in the EU in the plastic mudguards sector. The Bluemels mudguards that are in the meantime a popular classic product in the SKS range, are being permanently optimised and adapted to changing demand. This is how a coincidence turned into a stroke of luck – and another milestone in the SKS history of success.

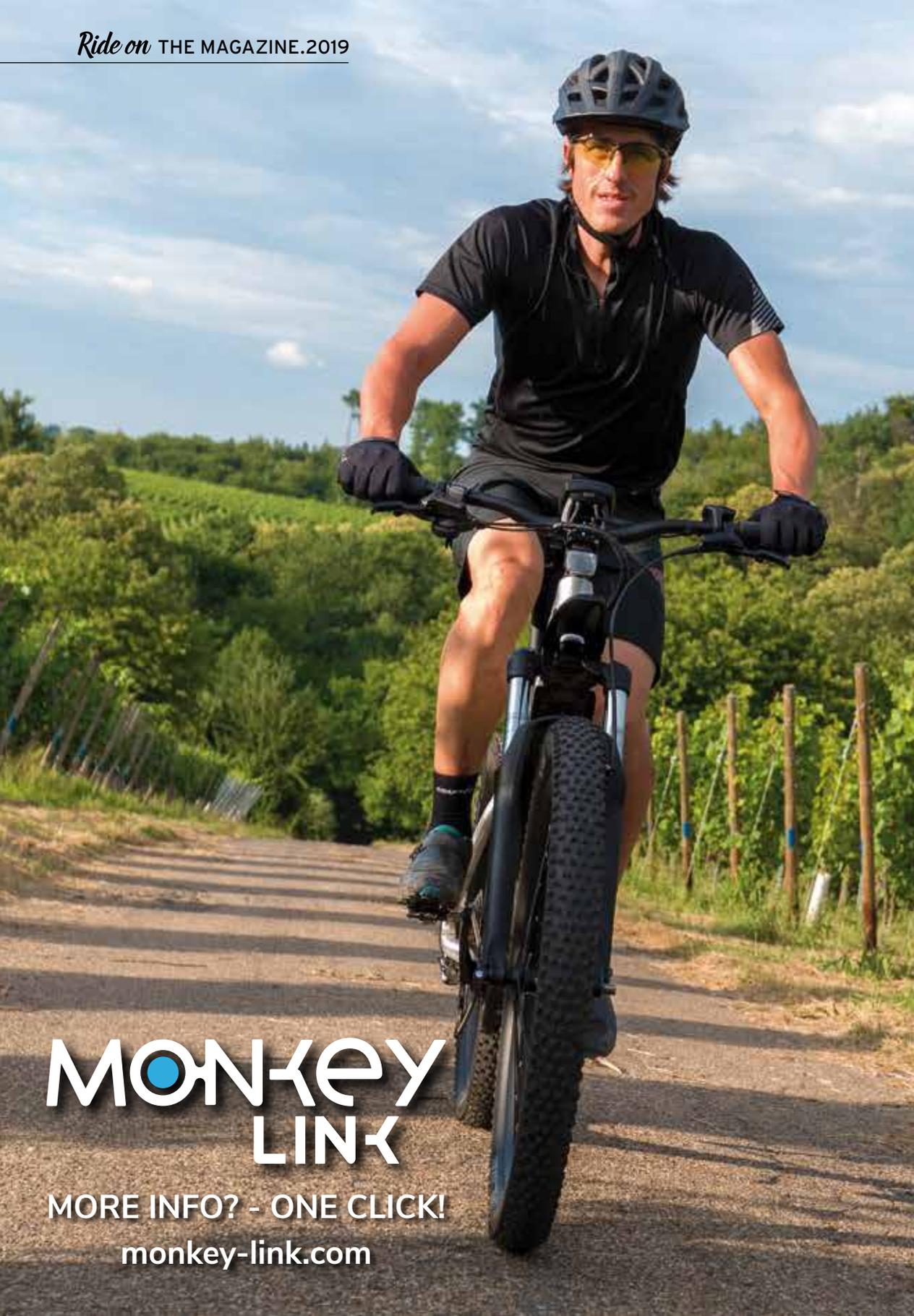


Willi Blome, Plant Manager Walter Scheffer and other SKS employees before they flew to England.



The Bluemels CEO also assisted with the dismantling of the machines.





ONE CONNECTION – **COUNTLESS** POSSIBILITIES.

A sporty E-MTB can be transformed into a form of transport that can be put to everyday use. The components are magnetically mounted, mechanically locked in place and electrically connected to the BlueDock (the interface on the bike) so that they can be powered by the eBike system. When mounted on the eBike using the intuitive locking system, lighting components and mudguards with an integrated rear light ensure safety in road traffic. The mechanical locking system makes an accidental detachment during the ride impossible.



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GUAGING IS SO EASY!

Bicycle tyres - how many bar do you need?

Not only does high or low air pressure influence the weather. The air pressure in the bicycle tyres is also decisive when it comes to the riding comfort and safety. The correct tyre pressure is also responsible for the durability of the tyres in addition to it being the best form of protection against punctures. Inner tube manufacturers recommend that the air pressure should be checked and adjusted at least once per month as even the most airtight bike inner tubes continually lose pressure. If you regularly pump your bike tyres up, not only are you doing yourself a service but you are also reducing the tyre wear. The pumping of tyres up should not normally pose a problem but what is the right pressure?

The air pressure that a tyre needs depends on numerous factors. The formula on asphalt is: the higher the air pressure, the lower the rolling resistance of the tyre. Wide tyres and tubeless tyres should generally be used with a low pressure. The weight also plays a role: the heavier the bike with the cyclist, the higher the pressure that is required. Tip: the recommended tyre pressure is normally stated on the tyre flank - with the minimum and the maximum value. The scope makes it possible to adapt the pressure to various requirements. It is therefore worth taking a closer look!

If the air is out

Instead of using the popular "thumb pressure test", a pressure gauge should be used to check the tyre pressure. This is the reason why a high quality floor pump such as the AIRKOMPRESSOR is a must have for cyclists.

An easier method to exactly gauge and adjust the air pressure is by using a measuring device such as the AIRCHECKER that has been especially developed for bicycle tyres. Not only does it convince with its high quality sensor technology and high level of measuring accuracy, but also with the user-friendly handling. A fine adjustment is possible due to the pressure release function with permanent real-time measuring that provides for a very accurate pressure adjustment.

The best thing to do before the next cycling excursion is to check the correct tyre pressure - so that you can then enjoy the tour without a flat tyre.



The right tyre pressure is the best protection against a puncture! You will find the recommended pressure on the flanks of the bicycle tyres.

AIRCHECKER

DIGITAL PRECISION AND A HANDY DESIGN

The fully re-designed AIRCHECKER digital air pressure gauge features precise digital pressure measurement and it is easy to use. The AIRCHECKER's soft plastic sides provide a comfortable feel and good grip. The backlit display with XL digits can be read in all positions thanks to the swivelling duo head.

The duo head can be used with all AV/SV valves and the display can be switched from bar to PSI at the push of a button. A fine adjustment is possible by using the pressure release function with the permanent real-time measuring. The air can be released in a controlled manner, measured and stored reliably. With an automatic switch-off function and a hanging option. Batteries included.



INCL. BATTERY:
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HIGHWAY THROUGH HELL

Adam Klimek's Bikepacking Tour through the Canyonlands National Park

The White Rim Trail extends over a distance of 160 kilometres. You will not find water here but you will experience temperatures of up to 45 degrees and tough red desert dust. The trail leads through the wide expanse along the Colorado River Canyons in the state of Utah where erosion has created a landscape of canyons and rock pillars. A perfect place for bike enthusiasts such as Adam Klimek.

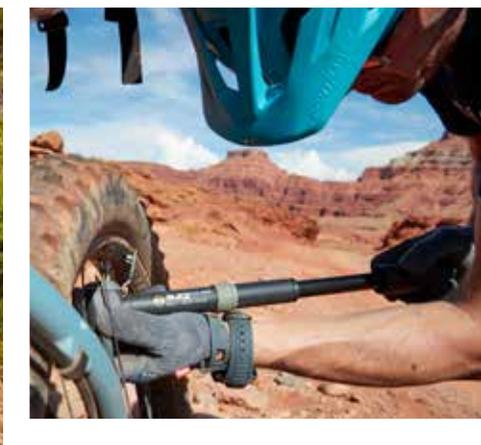
The famous Polish photographer went on an adventurous bikepacking tour equipped with SKS products such as pumps, tools and bottles. It was a trip through hell. The "strategy of survival": he deposited water supplies in various stations in the rocks in advance and mounted additional drinking bottles on his bike – fixed in position with the ANYWHERE system from SKS.

Together with friends, he cycled around the Island in the Sky rock sculpture in five days. Far removed from civilisation, the Colorado River on foot with a wonderful view of sunsets. They found shelter against thunderstorms with hailstones that were as big as beans under a narrow rocky ledge. They partially slept in tents in the middle of the wil-

derness. A dream of freedom and adventure that could not have been more spectacular. Also spectacular: the magnificent photographs that Adam Klimek took during the bike expedition. The photos of his "trip through hell" also fascinate non-bikers and they have also been published in a large number of specialist magazines.



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ANYWHERE-EVERYWHERE

WHAT TO DO WITH THE BIKE BOTTLE & CO.?

Flexible mounting possibilities with top posture ratings.

Many of you know the problem: you have bought the new eBike and you have equipped it with mudguards, a bicycle bell and other accessories. But what will you do with the bicycle bottle? Drilled holes for bottle cages often do not exist on eBikes with frame-mounted batteries because the geometry does not provide any room for a bottle cage. What can you do if the bicycle frame does not provide any space for a bottle cage?

SKS GERMANY provides an innovative solution with the flexible ANYWHERE mounting system. The VELOCAGE and TOPCAGE bottle cages can be used to mount bicycle bottles on the frame, the saddle post or on the front-end combination by means of straps and adapters. This means that the bottle is ready to hand during the tour. The adapters are fixed in place using durable loop and hook fastener straps. These can be shortened without difficulty and match all tubes with a max. diameter of 80 mm. The rubberised surface goes easy on the paint coat and ensures that nothing can slip even on a rough trip on natural terrain.

Such a mounting system also provides countless possibilities for bicycles without an electric drive. Some cyclists appreciate a tidy frame and only want to mount the bottle cage as required. The small helpers also enable you to attach numerous additional bottles on the bike. Not only that: a replacement inner tube, a muesli bar, locks or pumps can be mounted almost anywhere on the bike. Hence the name: ANYWHERE



ANYWHERE mounting system
Circumference | max. 250 mm
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ANYWHERE TOPCAGE
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Outer diameter of tube | max. 80 mm



ANYWHERE VELOCAGE
Circumference | max. 250 mm
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TEAM SAUERLAND NRW

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SAUERLAND RACING STABLE FIRMLY IN THE SADDLE

The bell has sounded for the second round! SKS GERMANY shall continue to be the main Sauerland Cycling Team sponsor in 2019. The teams shall be reinforced by Lucas Liss from RSV Unna. The track ace has been a national cyclist for Germany for years in addition to him being the current German Champion in team pursuit.

The Team Sauerland p/b SKS GERMANY is also fully prepared for the season as far as the outfits are concerned. We hope that the team under the team managers Jörg Scherf, Wolfgang Oswald and Heiko Volkert shall be able to experience a large number of racing successes in their new jerseys. We are pleased to be able to support the young local sportspeople in Team Sauerland and wish them much success and good legs.

The racing year 2018 in figures:

- ⇒ 330 worn tyres
- ⇒ 1200 used drinking bottles
- ⇒ 256,000 kilometres with the bike = approx. 6.3 circumnavigations of the globe (equator)
- ⇒ 9 wins
- ⇒ 109 Top Ten positions
- ⇒ 100 flights
- ⇒ 15 falls
- ⇒ 240 massage hours
- ⇒ 25 kg Nutrixion energy bars/gels/powders



The right protection for both the bike and the cyclist

SO THAT THE BIKING TOUR DOES NOT TURN INTO A SPLATTER TOUR.

Everyone who cycles on wet roads or forest tracks knows the problem: even the shortest tour is turned into a „splatter tour“ without the right mudguards. Water and mud splatter not only land in your face but also on your clothing. If the moisture penetrates your clothing, you notice an uncomfortable coldness and not only that: the rotation of the wheel also results in the following biker also being „mottled“ in addition to the bike drive and frame suffering from heavy soiling. There are therefore a number of good reasons for fitting the right mudguards on the bike in order to ensure that you are dry and clean when you reach your destination. But which mudguard is for which bike?

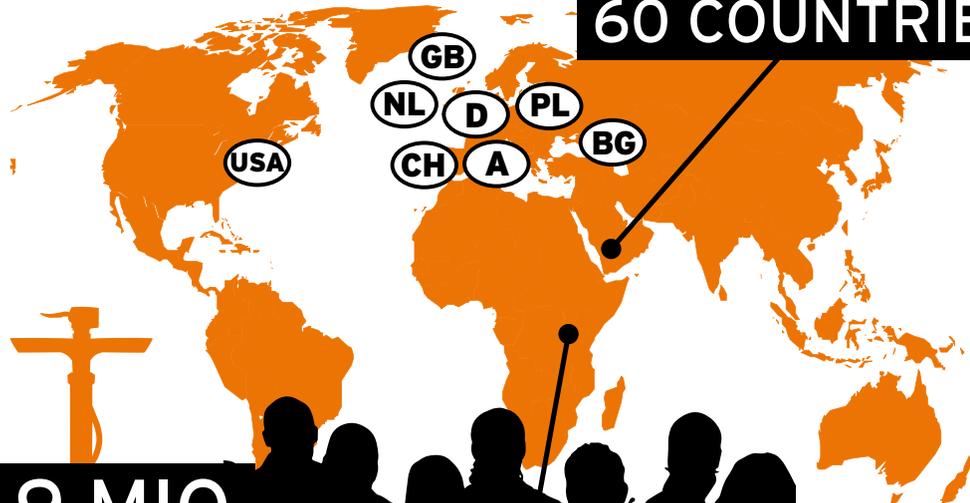
Many of the city bikes are often already equipped with firmly mounted mudguards. This is not the case with sports bikes however. These can be subsequently fitted with mudguards without difficulty. We recommend a snap-on mudguard that can be mounted when it is required. An optimal protection against splatter necessitates you ensuring that the size of the mudguard matches the size of the wheel. The width should be so selected that it is approx. three millimetres wider than the tyre on each side and the clearance between the tyre and the mudguard should be around one centimetre. The length of the mudguard is also decisive: it has to at least extend to the rear wheel axle and the front wheel axle so that it can prevent dirt penetrating the drive.

Last but not least, the area of use also has a role to play. Wider and longer mudguards are suitable on muddy forest tracks but standard-sized mudguards suffice on asphalt. The individually matching mudguard is therefore the best solution if you no longer want to look embarrassed in your dirty clothing.



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