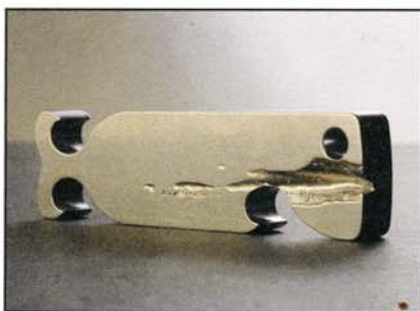


## Nalgene Flask

With cooler temperatures (and the Punk Bike Enduro) fast approaching, the need for safely transporting a blood-warming concoction has been on my mind. Nalgene's Flask (\$9) is a clear, leakproof, polycarbonate/Lexan container that holds 12oz. of liquid. Its slender profile packs easily and the 1oz. shot cap snaps onto the screw top. The Nalgene Flask doesn't transmit a plastic odor or taste to your beverage, plus it has ounce measurement markings for a fair pour. The removable insulation sleeve comes in two colors (red or blue). Made in U.S.A. [www.nalgene-outdoor.com](http://www.nalgene-outdoor.com)



## Paragon Machine Works Whale Opener

The Whale Bottle Opener (\$24) began as 6/4 titanium plate used to make dropouts at Paragon Machine Works. The scrap became welding test samples, which were then cut to resemble the shape of a whale. Like whales at sea, no two share the same markings. Sometimes bits of the weld show up, sometimes not. But each has three openers, two in the tail and one as the mouth. The eye serves for attaching a keychain or a place to hang the opener. The Whale Opener roughly measures 4x1x1/4". Made in U.S.A.

[www.paragonmachineworks.com](http://www.paragonmachineworks.com)

## Swiftwick Socks

At the 2008 Single Speed World Championship, Karen scored a pair of the official socks by Swiftwick. Their sock is a blend of 15% Olefin, 80% nylon and 5% Spandex with super-tight 200-needle construction for durability. Offered in three compression cuff heights: no-show, 1", or 4" (\$15, pictured) that don't slide down your calf. Swiftwick's no-seam design includes a full-cushion footbed with a thinner ribbed upper for a snug fit. If you like custom graphics or higher socks they offer variable length necks as well, plus Merino wool, so check out Swiftwick's website. Made in U.S.A. [www.swiftwick.com](http://www.swiftwick.com)



## Cars R Coffins Twin 6 Jersey

It's been more than five years since Hurl Everstone published an issue of Cars R Coffins. For all you neophyte hipsters out there, Cars R Coffins is/was a 'zine before it was your favorite T-shirt logo and a coffee-and-bicycle shop in Minneapolis. Hopefully Hurl will publish another issue soon. Thankfully we have a nice new jersey to hold us over. Made in collaboration with cool-clothing maker Twin Six, the new CRC jersey is a full-zip affair. The sublimated graphics are distinctly 'Twin Six style, but there's no denying the positive, yet subversive, original message of Cars R Coffins. \$70 plus shipping. [www.carscoffins.com](http://www.carscoffins.com)

Chainring	Sprocket	Crank Length
42T		165.0 mm
43T	11T	167.5 mm
44T	12T	170.0 mm
45T	13T	172.5 mm
46T	14T	175.0 mm

Gear Ratio: 3.67 (11:3)  
 Gain Ratio: 7.23  
 Skid Patches: 3 (6 ambidex, skidder)  
 Gear Inches: 96.7 in.  
 Development: 7.718 m (303.9 in.)

## Bicycle Gear Calculator

According to the website for this nifty little iPhone application, the Bicycle Gear Calculator is "a must-have for bike mechanics, bike builders and fixed-gear/singlespeed riders!" That's right, this \$4.99 application for your iPhone or iPod Touch is the perfect union of all things nerdy for cyclists and iPhone owners. The smooth and user-friendly interface allows you to calculate gearing, speed, ratio, skid patches, gear inches, and much more. It definitely caters to the fixie and singlespeeder crowds, but anyone with any interest in the math of your gearing will enjoy it. Available through the iTunes Store for \$5. [www.jpmartineau.com/iphone/bicycle-gear-calculator](http://www.jpmartineau.com/iphone/bicycle-gear-calculator)

## Olbas Inhaler and Sport Massage Oil

From the beginning of the ride to the end, Olbas has an herbal remedy for performance and recovery. An inhalation on the Olbas Inhaler (\$5.50) promotes easier breathing, while the vapors leave a cooling sensation in your nostrils and lungs. It's made from natural menthol and oils of peppermint, cajeput, and eucalyptus. The inhaler is non-addictive, unless you love the herbal fragrance, and can be used as often as necessary. After the ride Olbas Sport Massage Oil soothes sore muscles and chapped skin. It has a very mild scent and isn't extremely oily. It can also be used before the ride as a light barrier against the elements and a primer for muscles. The Sport Oil is also all-natural and available in a 4oz. or 8oz. bottle for \$20 and \$35. Email [Karen@Olbas.com](mailto:Karen@Olbas.com), tell her you saw this in Dirt Rag and she'll send a free sample of Olbas Traditional Oil. Made in U.S.A. and Switzerland. [www.olbas.com](http://www.olbas.com)

