我騎著一部單車夏季號 *Summer!!*

It's a Good Time to Ride a Bike

■ 遠看彷若一隻黑色螳螂，此款奧迪打造的電動單車配有液態氮氣，時速 50 英里不再是夢！

炎炎日頭，蠢蠢欲動地催促著走向戶外。如果太陽眼鏡、迷你裙和夾腳拖是夏季的 LOGO，擁抱熱情的夏天，單車是最佳配件！

根據研究，歐洲人喜歡以步行或單車通勤的人數佔總人口一半以上，相較於加拿大與美國比例僅 8% 與 10%，高出許多，因此歐洲人肥胖率僅美國人的一半。騎單車除了可以減肥，更能降低糖尿病及高血壓等疾病發生。

趕搭環保節能列車，各式休閒交通工具也競相爭艷。環保材質、碳纖輕量化，甚至回歸原始的木製自行車共襄盛舉；電動腳踏車、幾何車身或另類的載貨型腳踏車，提供更多元選擇。而德國與荷蘭更是單車的愛好者，不少知名單車品牌皆出於此。

E-Bike by Hadi Teherani

德國知名全方位設計師 Hadi Teherani 前年推出限量款電子自行車（E-Bike），纖細、輕量化的設計，極適合穿梭於城市巷弄間，車身採用鉻鉬鋼打造，較一般鋼材堅硬，輪胎亦採用知名德國馬牌輪胎。可重複充電的鋰電池置放於龍頭上方易於拆裝的黑色小塑膠盒內，電池可於辦公室或住家充電，也可將 iPhone 等手機放置於黑色塑膠盒上的凹槽，當作數位地圖或碼錶。

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■來自波士頓的 Rockcity 單車，是由 Geekhouse Bike 所推出，彷彿呼應此城市多元活潑的文化氛圍。

Rockcity by Heather Mcgrath

來自美國波士頓的 Geekhouse Bike 所推出的 Rockcity 搖滾城市系列，多年來是城市單車族喜愛的對象之一。該車廠以量身訂製出名，根據顧客身材打造整體車身，每一段鋼管皆經過仔細測量而銲接，該公司所設計之前叉尤為知名，乘載顧客重量外，亦使整體操控自如。樸實的外表下回歸最原始卻令人驚艷的性能，單速車體配上精心設計的鏈條，讓單車迷放心悠遊於巷道和公路上。

Pelagro by Peter Laibacher

同樣來自德國的 Peter Laibacher，自幼便對自行車有著莫名的悸動，八歲時便替自己的腳踏車換上新裝。於 1980 年代，他騎著杜卡迪 Ducati 來往參賽於歐洲各大小賽車場，2008 年因著對自行車的熱愛，嘗試以杜卡迪機車為概念，設計了極具幾和圖形車體的登山車，不愧為熱愛自行車和機車的賽車手。

Cargo Bike by Elian Veltman

同樣是一人車廠的 Elian Veltman 雖然來自荷蘭，但卻有著德國人精簡、務實的個性。體恤在這個非常喜歡騎單車的國家人民購物的便利性，推出了 Cargobike（載貨單車），不同於傳統三輪車將載貨或載人區塊拖拉於後，前置的載貨區塊不啻為另類的思維。手工打造的這款單車，接受客戶其他配件的量身訂做，相信加上個後椅墊或加裝個嬰兒椅在座桿上，就成了名副其實的家用購物車了。

X-9 Nighthawk by Brano Meres

來自捷克斯洛伐克具機械工程背景的 Brano Meres 所打造的 X9 碳纖腳踏車，菱形管狀的車架設計搭配漆黑色碳纖，讓人忍不住多看幾眼。包裹強韌人造纖維的鋼鐵外表，內鍵 Atomic22 出產的 infiniti3D 防盜系統置於後輪輪軸，不僅質輕亦堅固。

Worthersee E-Bike by Audi

遠看彷若一隻蟄伏於地面上蓄勢待發的黑色螳螂，由奧迪推出的電動自行車配有液態氦氣，讓你輕鬆達到時速 50 英里的速度。配有 3 馬力的電機踏板，當 eGrip 電機模式達到每小時 31 英里時，不用踩踏。另外搭載具 Wi-Fi 功能的車用電腦，可遠端防盜。快速抽換提高續航力的鋰電池，2.5 小時內充飽電。

■幾何車身宛如縮小版的杜卡迪機車，讓熱愛登山的單車客有另類的選擇！

Scorching sun, it urges people going outdoors. If sun glasses, miniskirts and flip flop are summer's LOGOTYPE, then to embrace warm summer, cycling is the best accessory!

According to study, Europeans who prefer commuting by walking or cycling account more than half of total population, it's much higher comparing to Canada and America that only accounts for 8% and 10%. So Europeans' obesity rate is only half of the Americans. In addition, cycling not only can lose weight, but also can reduce the occurrence of diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.

Catching up the green energy trend, all kinds of bikes are competing and blooming. Environmental protection material, lightweight carbon fiber, and even original wooden bicycle join the summer festivity; electric bicycle, geometric body or alternative type cargo bike provide more choices. While Germany and the Netherlands are two cycling enthusiast nations, many well-known brands are out of these two countries.

E-Bike by Hadi Teherani

Renowned German designer Hadi Teherani launched a limited edition E-Bike one year ago, slim and lightweight design, very suitable for shuttling in the streets and alleys of the city. Its body was built by chromo steel, rigid than normal steel, and the tires also used well-known German continental brand. Rechargeable lithium batteries placed inside the black box that on top of easily removable handlebar, and can be recharged in the office or at home. An iPhone can be integrated as cockpit with navigation and speedometer.

Rockcity by Heather Mcgrath

Rockcity series launched by Boston Geekhouse Bike have become city cyclists' favorite objects over the years. The company is famous for tailoring, they will according to customer's stature to create the bike, each section of steel has measured carefully then welding. And their designed "Yo Marty Fork" is particularly well-known, besides loading customers' weight, it's also easy to handle. In simple appearance, but with the most primitive yet stunning performance, single-speed coupled with well-designed chain, it let cycling fans feel comfortable to ride on roadway and highway.

Pelagro by Peter Laibacher

Also from Germany, Peter Laibacher has a vague throbbing toward bicycle since childhood, he had tried to change his old bicycle's color when he was eight. In 1980s, he participated in various motorcycle races with Ducati in the European. However, in 2008, because of bicycle love, he took Ducati motorcycle as the concept to design a mountain bike with a geometric figure body. He is really a bike lover and motorcycle racer.

Cargo Bike by Elian Veltman

Also a one person company, Elian Veltman although from the Netherlands, he has a German simplicity and pragmatic personality. To show sympathy for this country's cycling-love people to have convenience in shopping, he launched Cargobike, different from the traditional bicycle that drag cargo or install seat on the rear, the front cargo is an alternative thinking. This hand-built bicycle accepts other accessories tailoring services, believe after adding a cushion or installing a baby chair, it will become a veritable family shopping car.

X-9 Nighthawk by Brano Meres

From Slovakia with a mechanical engineering background, Brano Meres' X9 Nighthawk was built with carbon fiber. Its frame designed with diamond-shaped tubular and covered with carbon fiber skins, let people can not help but take more glances. Tough frame made out of sandwich panels with aramid honeycomb as a core, and equipped with the infiniti3D bicycle component security system developed by Atomic22 in the rear axle, it is not only light, but also strong.

Worthersee E-Bike by Audi

From a distance, it looks like a black mantis that seems dormant on the ground ready to go anytime, Audi introduced this electric bike that equipped with liquid helium, allowing cyclist easily to reach the speed of 50 miles per hour. With a three horsepower motor pedal, when in eGrip motor mode, it requires no pedaling and reaches 31 miles per hour. It also equipped with Wi-Fi function to prevent theft by remote control. The lithium battery that can be changed quickly helps to improve endurance, it takes 2.5 hours to fully recharge.

■ 菱形管狀包裹人造纖維打造的蜂巢狀組織，質輕體堅的碳纖材質，亦配有獨家防盜系統。

■ 德國知名設計師 Hadi Teherani 推出的 E-Bike 特殊材質的鉻鉬鋼，特別輕便。

■ 來自德國的 THONET 邀請倫敦知名的設計師 Andy Martin 利用蒸氣彎曲木頭的原理，打造出一體成形的木頭車身。

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