



Kask INFINITY

£220
kask.it

THIS WAS first seen on the heads of Team Sky at last year's Tour de France. It sits alongside the likes of the Specialized Evade and Giro Air Attack lids as an aero road helmet, but the Infinity has an ace up its sleeve; a sliding top panel that allows the vents to be opened and closed as conditions dictate. The beauty of this is that you can open it up while climbing and then close it up when you want the maximum aerodynamic benefit. Opening and closing is easy to do with one hand even if it does drag the helmet round a bit. You can also open the shield slightly should you want a constant breeze. When closed, airflow is adequate unless going flat out thanks to two small vents on the brow.

Open the top and there's a refreshing whoosh of air – more than the Evade and Air Attack can manage but not up to that of a traditional 'open' helmet. Our medium sample weighed in at 290g

– not particularly light – but was comfy enough while riding. The padding was better than most at battling sweat and the Octo Fit retention system, complete with gel pads, has loads of adjustment to help achieve a secure fit without pinching.

The only downside is the pricetag, which is £60-£70 more than the competition at RRP, but if you want aero on the flats and air on the climbs, it's the only way to go.

VERDICT Innovative custom-cooled aero road helmet with a hefty pricetag

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BSc RECOVERY PHASE SWIM REHYDRATION CREAM

£16.95 for 50ml
brodieskincare.co.uk

SWIMMING FASTER means swimming more often and for those of us with dry or sensitive skin, that can be bad news. This thick new moisturiser is designed to be both a pre-swim barrier cream and post-swim recovery formula. It's fragrance free, very thick and not too greasy, which is surprising considering the ingredient list is full of oils. Zinc oxide is included as a barrier against chlorine and it contains no parabens or petroleum products. We tried it in the pool with pleasing results – it didn't leave an embarrassing slick on the water, kept our skin soft after 45 minutes of swimming and calmed it down afterwards. There are only two drawbacks as far as we can see: the price is up there with many luxury skincare brands, and the 50ml pump bottle means there's not really enough to use it on the body which, in our experience, suffers just as much as the face.

VERDICT Effective, soothing barrier cream and moisturiser at a high price

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Zone3 SWIM SKIN

£175
racezone3.com

SWIM SKINS are designed to give a speed boost when things heat up too much for wetsuit use. Zone3 skin uses a woven fabric, X2R, for the upper which has a claimed absorption rate of only five per cent – meaning it won't get heavy and slow you down, which decreases hydrodynamic drag. It also helps reduce surface area thanks to the compressive Energy-D material on the legs. Worn over your tri-suit, the skin is tight but not uncomfortable or restrictive, the glued and heat bonded seams remained chafe-free throughout testing. The elasticated cord on the back also means it won't harm your T1 time. The RRP is also around £75 less than skins from the likes of Orca and Blueseventy.

VERDICT Comfortable warm-weather speed for the swim leg

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