

FROM COOL RETRO CRUISERS TO CANDY-STRIPED FIXIES, PAUL MILICAN ROUNDS UP THE HOTTEST WHEELS IN TOWN.

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1 GLOBE ROLL 2 2010 SINGLE SPEED ROAD BIKE

"There is an almost mystical connection between a fixed-gear cyclist and bicycle," writes one cyclist blogger. Fans of the fixie love the simplicity of the line, the easy maintenance and the highly efficient ride. The Globe, pictured here, made by Specialized Bicycle Components, will turn heads – at least as long as those gorgeous white tyres remain pristine. **£599.99** www.cyclesurgery.com/ www.evancycles.com

2 BROMPTON S2L FOLDING BIKE

The Brompton, still designed and hand-built in west London, is a great British success story – in fact, the company can't keep up with demand. The bike's genius lies in the engineering that allows you to fold it into a compact, portable package you can stow away under your desk or restaurant table. They are also surprisingly whizzy, giving even road bikes a run for their money. **From £735**, see www.brompton.co.uk for dealers

3 PAUL SMITH TRACK BIKE

What do Fendi, Urban Outfitters, Club Monaco, Gucci, Hermes and Chanel all have in common? You've got it – they've all designed bikes. The Paul Smith track bike, made by British-owned Mercian, doesn't just look great, it also rides like a dream. Every detail of the bike has been specified by Paul Smith, from the exact shade of enamel paint to the colour of the Brooks handlebar tape and saddles. There are six striped colour combinations to choose from. **£3,200** www.merciancycles.co.uk

4 THE PASHLEY GUV'NOR TRACK BIKE

You can't get much more classic than this one – based on a Path Racer model made by the company in the 1930s. From the graceful lines of the hand-built frame to the Brooks saddle and leather handle-grips, every detail pulls at the nostalgia heartstrings. And those cream Schwalbe Delta Cruiser tyres are oh, so cool. **£795** See www.pashley.co.uk for list of dealers

5 CANNONDALE BAD BOY 8 2010 HYBRID BIKE

Hybrid bikes – between a road bike and a mountain bike – are the best bikes for everyday commuting and coping with all those pot-holes. Cannondale Bad Boy bikes are durable and sturdy but also light and fast. Most of them come in macho matte black. Component spec and quality is first rate. **£1,149.99** (you can still find some much cheaper 2009 editions) www.evancycles.com

6 THE CONDOR CLASSICO ROAD BIKE

Made from Dedacciai SAT14.5 lugged steel, Condor's Classico appeals to the growing retro market. You have the option of starting with the frame and then buying the rest of the components to your choice. Steel it might be but it's light, responsive and rides like the wind. **£1,799** (Extra £100 for custom colour / design) www.condorcycles.com

7 BOARDMAN MOUNTAIN BIKE PRO LARGE 2010

One of the great pleasures of cycling is going off road – and I don't mean riding on the pavement. Cross-country cycling is a growing sport and the bikes are getting better all the time. This award-winning Boardman bike gives outstanding performance. You may want to change the saddle but overall it offers superb componentry. What's more it comes in at just under a grand, meaning you can buy it under the Cycle to Work scheme. **£999** www.halfords/boardman

Made-to-measure hand-built bikes

If you're ready to spend a couple of grand on a bike, why not consider having one specially made for you? Customised bikes offer more individuality and ensure a better fit between you and your frameset. This makes for a more comfortable ride and fosters the kind of intimacy between you and your bike that dog owners have with their pets. You have been warned. Here are three of the best builders in England:

- Ross Allan of Bonavia Cycles 07885 731119 <http://bonaviacycles.wordpress.com>
- Condor Bikes www.condorcycles.com
- Chas Roberts: www.robertscycles.com