



Smith Threshold /// \$99 to 129
 208-726-4477; smithoptics.com
 The lightweight Threshold features a nylon frame, adjustable nosepiece and three sets of interchangeable lenses. For an instant performance upgrade, Smith recommends its new Ignitor lens (sold separately, \$60). The lens is such a hit with the company's sponsored bike racers that many of them refuse to use anything else.



HOSS Ponderosa /// \$45
 800-615-0899; hossmtb.com
 HOSS Ponderosa shorts feature the same durable construction, quality chamois and comfortable fit as most mountain bike baggies, but cost a fraction of the price. A subdued color palette keeps these shorts looking less like '80s volleyball garb and more like normal clothing.



Clif Bar Bloks /// \$2
 800-421-1223; clifbar.com
 These gummy squares are composed of organic brown-rice syrup and loaded with electrolytes to give the same jolt of instant energy as a gel packet, but without the sticky mess. Bloks come in three flavors—lemon lime, strawberry and cran-razz.

Defeet Armskins /// \$20
 800-688-3067; defeet.com
 Although Defeet is famous for socks, its arm warmers may be the company's best-kept secret. Constructed of a breathable mix of nylon, CoolMax polyester and Lycra, the seamless Armskins offer a comfortable respite from chilling breezes and shed easily when the temperatures rise. Armskins come in a wide range of colors and custom designs.



Nike Air Whistler /// \$95
 920-478-4683; nikecycling.com
 These ain't the Nikes that Jordan used to wear. A team of cycling designers created the Air Whistler with input from legendary freerider Andrew Shandro. The stylish shoe features a soft, grippy sole for maximum traction in any situation.

