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To the Commissioner for Trademarks:

Application serial no. 87887357 (Stylized and/or with Design, see https://tmng-al.uspto.gov/resting2/api/img/87887357/large) has been amended as follows:

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Applicant proposes to amend the mark as follows:

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Proposed: (Stylized and/or with Design, see mark)

The applicant is not claiming color as a feature of the mark.

The mark consists of a handle having an angled pistol grip along with a circular gauge having a border resembling a tire. The representation of the hose and nozzle attachments in dashed lining forms no part of the mark.

EVIDENCE

Evidence in the nature of Arguments and Affidavit of David Finlayson with corresponding Exhibits A, B and C has been attached.

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Request for Reconsideration Signature

Signature: /William J. Connelly, III/ Date: 10/21/2019

Signatory's Name: William J. Connelly, III

Signatory's Position: Attorney of Record, New Jersey bar member

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The signatory has confirmed that he/she is a U.S.-licensed attorney who is an active member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a U.S. state (including the District of Columbia and any U.S. Commonwealth or territory); and he/she is currently the owner's/holder's attorney or an associate thereof; and to the best of his/her knowledge, if prior to his/her appointment another U.S.-licensed attorney not currently associated with his/her company/firm previously represented the owner/holder in this matter: the owner/holder has revoked their power of attorney by a signed revocation or substitute power of attorney with the USPTO; the USPTO has granted that attorney's withdrawal request; the owner/holder has filed a power of attorney appointing him/her in this matter; or the owner's/holder's appointed U.S.-licensed attorney has filed a power of attorney appointing him/her as an associate attorney in this matter.

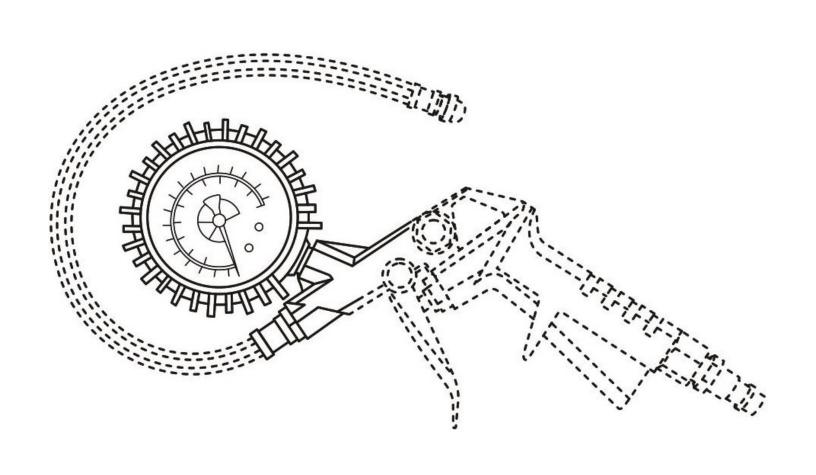
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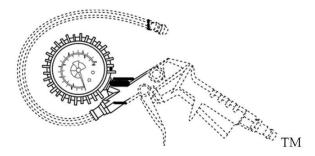
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The Applicant, Prestacycle LLC, ("Applicant") is in receipt of the Final Office Action dated May 14, 2019, issued in connection with Applicant's United States Trademark Application Serial No. 87/887,357 for the proposed trade dress. For the reasons set forth herein, Applicant submits the within Request for Reconsideration and respectfully requests the Trademark Examining Attorney ("Examiner") reconsider and withdraw the Section 2(e)(5) refusal citing functionality and the Sections 1, 2 and 45 refusals for non-distinctive product design.

I. Section 2(e)(5) Refusal - Mark is Overall Functional

The Examining Attorney has refused registration on the basis the applied for mark "appears to be a functional design." Applicant respectfully contends the applied for mark, as revised, is not functional and is entitled to registration.

The revised drawing representative of the respective trade dress is highlighted below. This new drawing highlights the trade dress features of the subject tire inflator.



As reflected in the revised drawing, the unique and renowned trade dress created by Applicant includes, among other features, the angled engagement of the tire pressure gauge on the top of the nozzle, along with the fanciful nub portions surrounding the tire gauge.

Applicant respectfully contends it has removed all elements in the drawing objected to by the Examiner as being "functional" so as to overcome the 2(e)(5) refusal.

II. Section 1, 2, and 45 Refusal - Non-Distinctive Product Design

The Examiner has also refused registration on the grounds the proposed mark comprises a non-distinctive product design or non-distinctive feature of a product design that is not registerable on the Principal Register without sufficient proof of acquired distinctiveness.

In addition to the arguments highlighted above, Applicant respectfully contends the respective trade dress depicted hereinabove has the requisite acquired distinctiveness and is entitled to registration under Trademark Act §2(f), 15 U.S.C. §1052. See Affidavit of David Finlayson (hereinafter "Affidavit").

Applicant's tire inflators, as exemplified above, are just one of its products that help cyclists get back on their bicycle and get riding as soon as possible. The product consists mainly of a nozzle connected to a source of compressed air on one end and to an inflator tube on the other end. The

inflator tube includes a fitting on its distal end to cooperate with the tire stem of a bicycle tire for inflating the tire. The tire inflator also includes a pressure gauge, mounted on the top of the nozzle for measuring the pressure of the tire as it is being inflated. **See Affidavit**.

Applicant's unique and renowned trade dress includes, among other features, the angled engagement of the tire pressure gauge on the top of the nozzle, along with the fanciful nub portions surrounding the tire gauge. Applicant's artistic-inspired tire inflator design has been purchased by many cyclist enthusiasts and the unique design has been featured in many trade publications, resulting in worldwide recognition and goodwill. Since its inception, Applicant's above described tire inflator has become a globally coveted brand, reaching across the United States, from Los Angeles to New York, Canada and abroad. See Affidavit.

In addition, several third party competitors have copied Applicant's tire inflator trade dress. **See Affidavit, Exhibit A.** While applicant has diligently policed the subject trade dress, enforcement is often difficult without a federal trade dress registration. More specifically, third party infringers have benefited greatly from Applicant's sales presence insofar as they have targeted their online presence to benefit from a simple internet search for Applicant's registered trademark "Prestacycle", and/or common law trademark "Prestaflator". **See Affidavit, Exhibit A** and https://www.amazon.com/s?k=prestaflator&ref=nb_sb_noss.

Applicant's gross sales have increased almost exponentially over the last several years as has its reputation and goodwill as a result of this unique design. In this regard, the gross sales pertaining to the trade dress, from 2007 to the present, are as follows:

	Total	\$2,790,435,91
•	2019 (YTD)	\$479,356.90
•	2018	\$461,378.72
•	2017	\$298,301.54
•	2016	\$265,797.56
•	2015	\$240,007.88
•	2014	\$216,431.30
•	2013	\$191,858.37
•	2012	\$194,657.53
•	2011	\$138,930.89
•	2010	\$135,571.73
•	2009	\$104,325.50
•	2008	\$ 42,225.99
•	2007	\$ 21,592.00

See Affidavit.

In addition to the afore noted sales data, Applicant's trade dress has been the subject of unsolicited third party media coverage and is additional evidence the respective trade dress has achieved significant recognition and acquired distinctiveness. See Affidavit, Exhibit B. In addition, there have been several actual confusion incidents as well. One example of actual confusion is highlighted in Affidavit, Exhibit C.

For the reasons highlighted above, Applicant submits the product design as shown in the revised drawing is inherently distinctive and respectfully requests the Examining Attorney withdraw the Section 1, 2 and 45 rejections.

III. Additional Information Requested

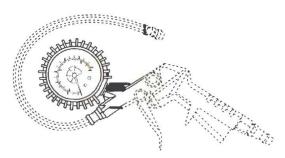
Following the recent teleconference with the Examiner and in light of the revised drawing depicted above, Applicant respectfully contends it has removed all elements in the Office Action to which this request applies.

IV. Conclusion

Based on the afore noted factors, Applicant respectfully contends it has responded to all outstanding issues set forth in the Final Office Action of May 14, 2019. As such, Applicant requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections therein allowing the within application to proceed to publication.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID FINLAYSON

- I, David Finlayson, hereby certify the following:
- 1) I am the founder and President of Prestacycle, LLC ("PL") with a principal place of business located at 689 Riverview Rd, Rexford, New York, 12148-1427. In this capacity, I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein.
- 2) I make this Affidavit in support of PL's Trade Dress Application Serial No. 87/887,357 covering "Tire inflators, namely, bicycle tire inflation tool". A revised drawing representative of the respective trade dress, which will be submitted herewith to the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"), is highlighted below. This new drawing highlights the trade dress features of my tire inflator.



- 3) PL was founded in 2007 and is a bicycle product company dedicated to putting new style ideas and innovations in the hands of cyclists. As life-long cyclists, we understand it is about riding and actually being on the ride. The word 'Presta' is most associated with the words 'instant' or 'quick'. We make products to do the right job quicker, and give cyclists more time in the saddle.
- 4) PL's tire inflators, as exemplified above, are just one of PL's products that help cyclists get back on their bicycle and get riding as soon as possible. The product consists mainly of a nozzle connected to a source of compressed air on one end and to an inflator tube on the other end. The inflator tube includes a fitting on its distal end to cooperate with the tire stem of a bicycle tire for inflating the tire. The tire inflator also includes a pressure gauge, mounted on the top of the nozzle for measuring the pressure of the tire as it is being inflated.
- 5) The unique and renowned trade dress created by me includes, among other features, the angled engagement of the tire pressure gauge on the top of the nozzle, along with the fanciful nub portions surrounding the tire gauge.
 - 6) PL's artistic-inspired tire inflator design has been purchased by many cyclist

enthusiasts and the unique design has been featured in many trade publications, resulting in worldwide recognition and goodwill.

- 7) Since its inception, PL's above described tire inflator has become a globally coveted brand, reaching across the United States, from Los Angeles to New York, Canada and abroad.
- 8) Several third party competitors have copied PL's tire inflator trade dress. See attached "Exhibit A". I am diligently policing my trade dress but it is difficult without a trade dress registration. That is, I sell my tire inflator mostly on internet based sales outlets like Amazon. Even though I have been selling since 2007 and have the renown and recognition as the source of the above-identified common law trade dress design, Amazon will only take swift action against these infringers if I provide them with a federal trade dress registration. These third party infringers have made publicity from my own sales presence. They have targeted their Amazon Marking expenditure to simply pop-up when a search is performed on my trademark "Prestacycle", and/or my trademark "Prestaflator". See, for example, https://www.amazon.com/s?k=prestaflator&ref=nb_sb_noss.
- 9) Gross sales have increased almost exponentially over the last several years and PL's reputation and goodwill as a result of this unique design has increased on par. In this regard, the gross sales pertaining to the trade dress, from 2007 to the present, are as follows:

•	2007	\$ 21,592.00
•	2008	\$ 42,225.99
•	2009	\$104,325.50
•	2010	\$135,571.73
•	2011	\$138,930.89
•	2012	\$194,657.53
•	2013	\$191,858.37
•	2014	\$216,431.30
•	2015	\$240,007.88
•	2016	\$265,797.56
•	2017	\$298,301.54
•	2018	\$461,378.72
•	2019 (YTD)	\$479,356.90
	Total	\$2,790,435.91

10) In addition to the afore noted sales data, attached hereto and incorporated by reference is a detailed "Exhibit Schedule", which provides numerous examples of

unsolicited third party media coverage pertaining to PL, and additional evidence the respective trade dress has achieved significant recognition and acquired distinctiveness. See attached "Exhibit B".

- 11) There have been several actual confusion incidents as well. See the attached Exhibit C for one example.
- 12) PL respectfully contends the respective trade dress depicted hereinabove have the requisite acquired distinctiveness and is entitled to registration under Trademark Act §2(f), 15 U.S.C. §1052(f).

I hereby certify the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware if any of the statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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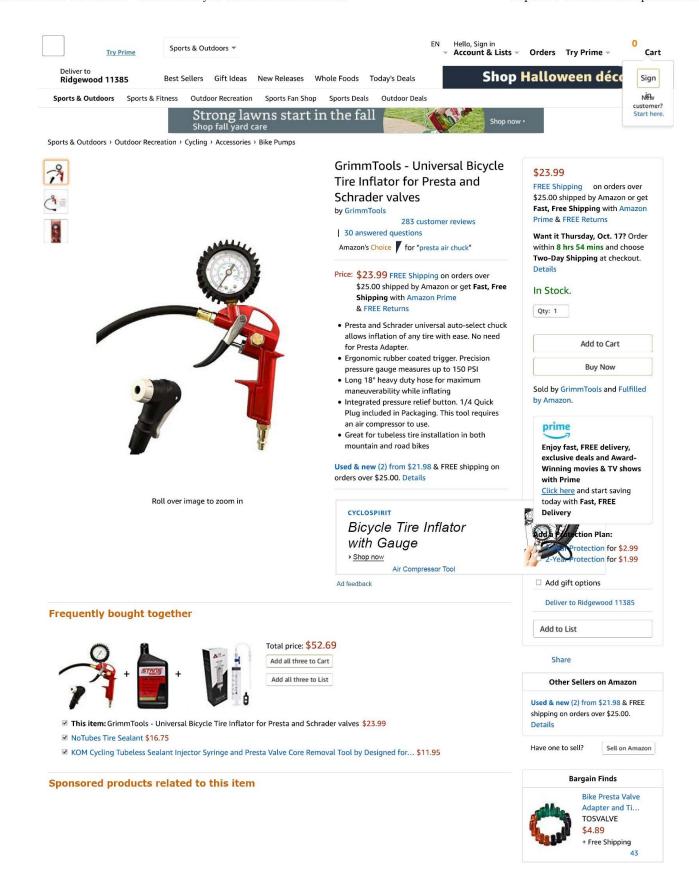
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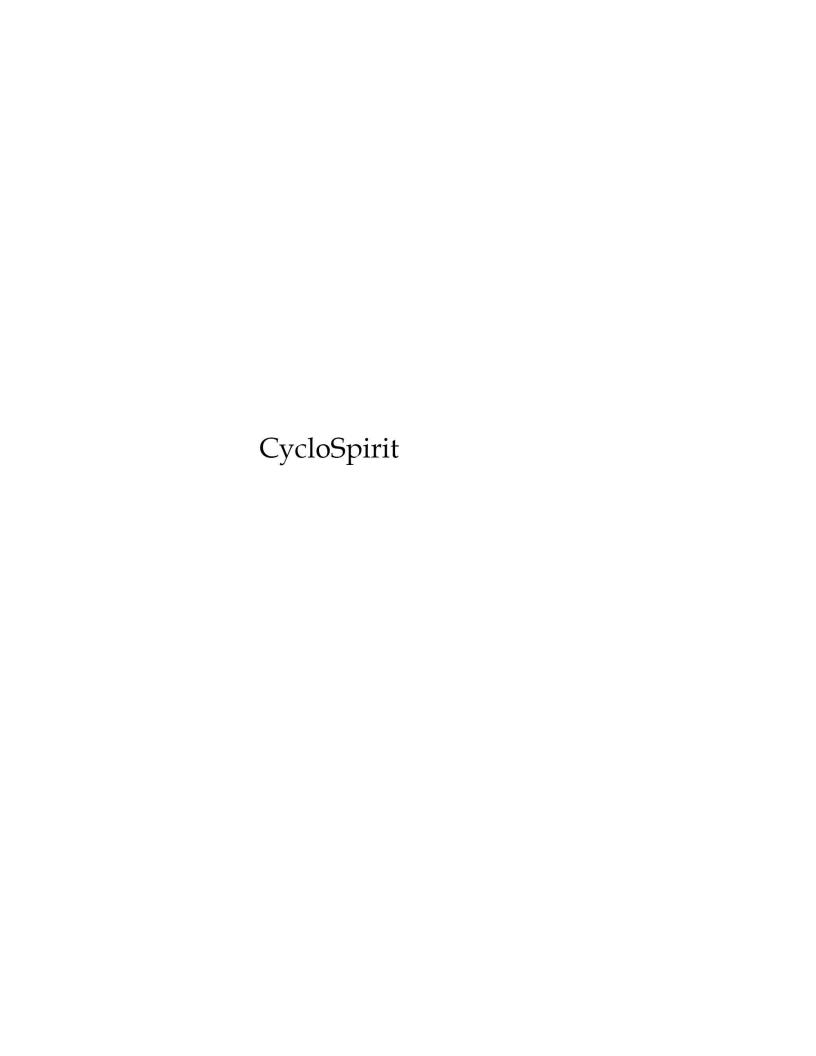
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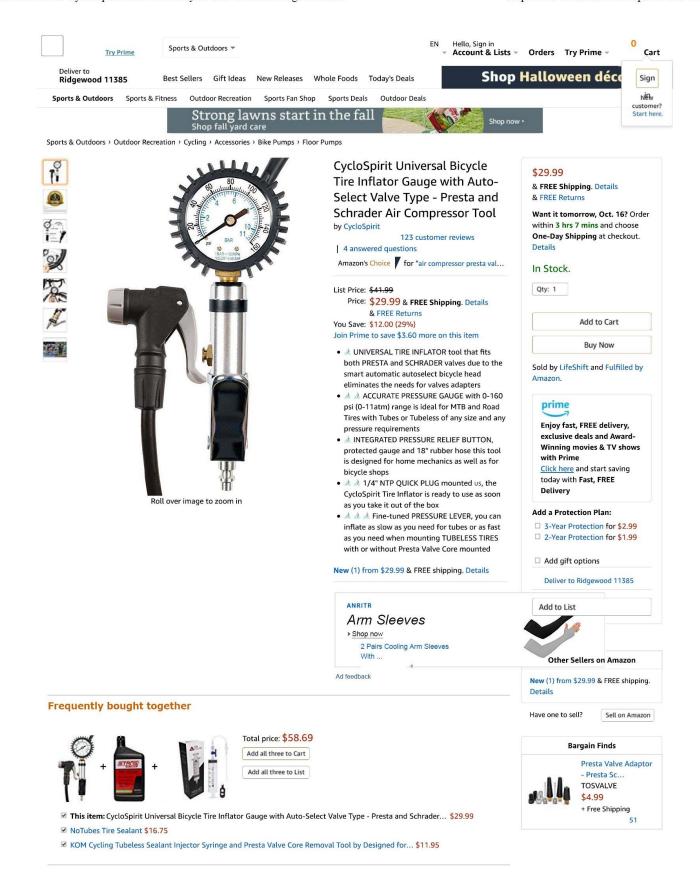
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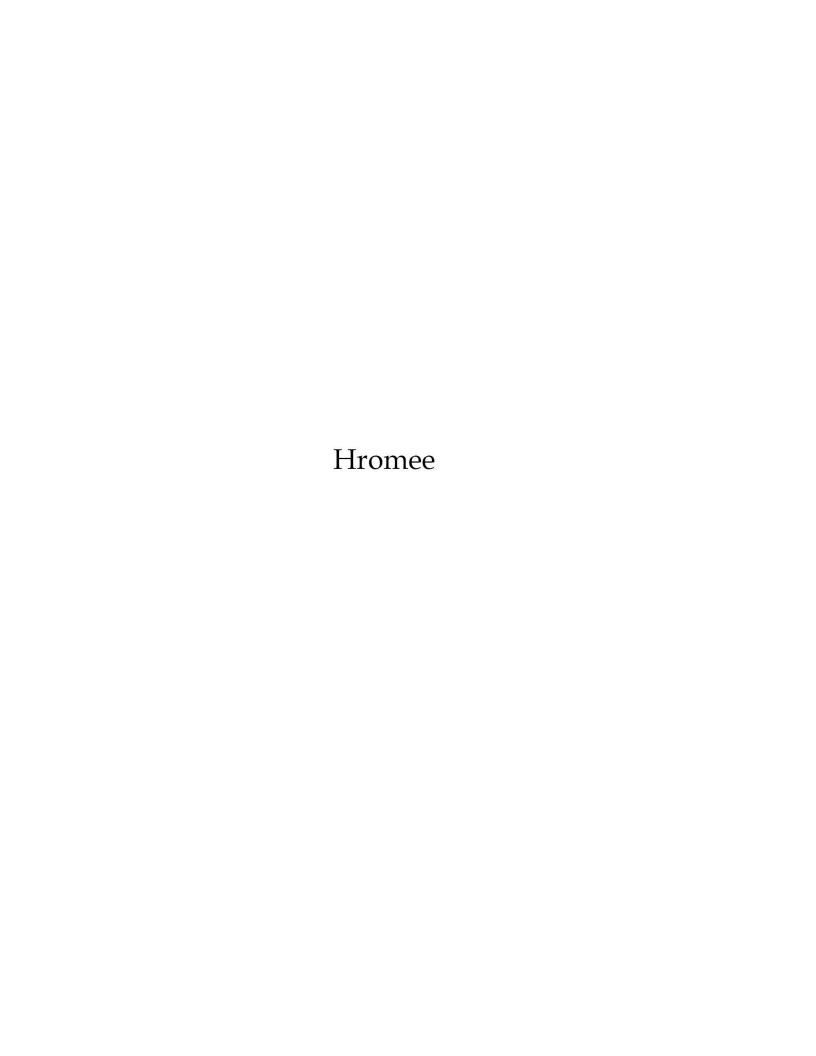


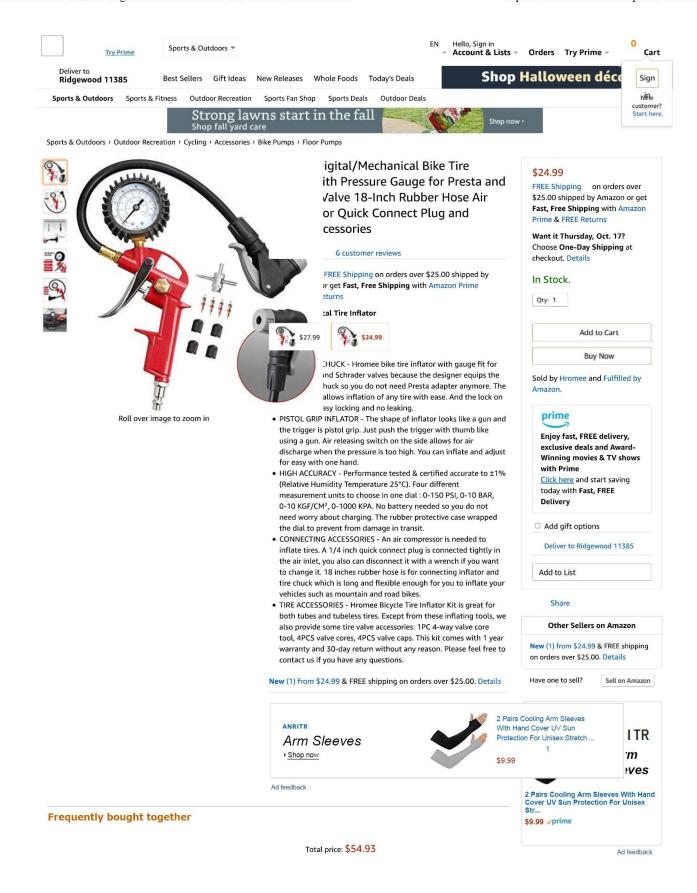
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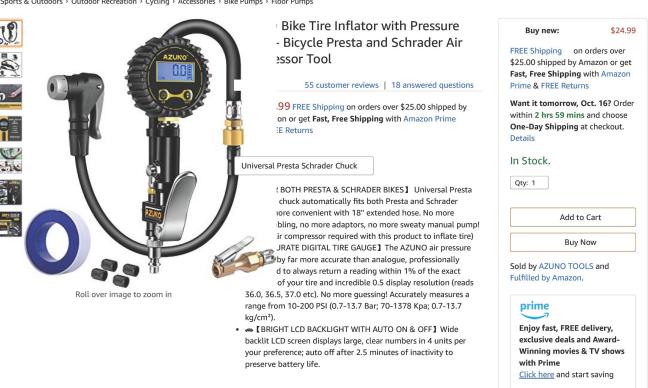


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1) Prestaflator featured in Road Bike Action Magazine (pages 5-10)

https://roadbikeaction.com/shootout-air-compressor-inflators/

2) Prestaflator featured in Bike Radar (pages 12-16)

https://www.bikeradar.com/reviews/maintenance/tools-kits-and-boxes/pressure-gauge/prestacycle-prestaflator-inflator-review/

3) Prestaflator featured in CX Magazine (page 18)

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- 4) Prestaflator featured in Road Magazine (page 20)
- 5) Prestaflator featured in MB Action (page 22)
- 6) Prestaflator featured in Bicycling (page 24)
- 7) Prestaflator featured in Bicycle Retailer (page 26)
- 8) Prestaflator featured in Velo News (page 28)
- 9) Prestaflator featured in MTBR (pages 30-32)

https://reviews.mtbr.com/prestacycle-prestaflator-review

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Shootout: Air Compressor Inflators



An essential tool for all avid cyclists is a quality floor pump. And if you happen to have an air compressor, then we also recommend you pick yourself up a bicycle-specific inflation tool. What can it do for you? Besides inflating your tires effortlessly and accurately, an air compressor tool can also help seat your tires during installation, which is particularly useful when you're installing a tubeless setup. Here's a shakedown of two of the best bicycle air compressor tools we've come across.

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The Park Tool INF-1 and the Prestacycle Prestaflator are roughly the same size but have very different designs.

PARK TOOL INF-1 SHOP INFLATOR

Park Tool is the biggest name in the bicycle tool game. It's recently released INF-1 inflator tool also carries the moniker, "Shop Inflator," which should give you an indication about it intended use. It's a heavy, hearty tool that weighs in at 1 pound, 11 ounces and features a dual-head inflator for both Presta and Schrader valves.

Price: \$130

PRESTACYCLE PRESTAFLATOR

Prestacycle makes some of the most unique and functional bicycle tools anywhere, and the Prestaflator has been a best-seller for the company for years. It weighs 13 ounces and sports a pistol-grip design connected to a 15-inch long hose, at the end of which is a Presta-only slip-on head. The Presta head can be unscrewed, however, to allow for the hose to work with Schrader valves.

Price: \$49.95 (as tested)

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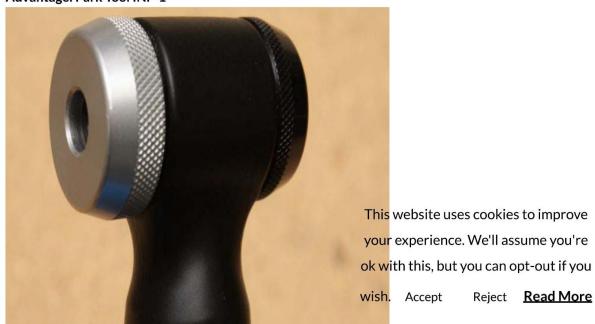


The Prestaflator's gauge is bigger and only goes up to 170 psi, making it a bit easier to dial-in your preferred air pressure.

BUILD

The Prestaflator's pistol-grip design is ergonomic and fits comfortably in your hand, and the bleed valve is positioned so that it can be easily accessed by your thumb. But the Park Tool's overall presentation and build quality is superior, thanks to a clean layer of blue paint that gives it a professional look, and fonts on the gauge that are just a bit sharper and bolder. Also, the Park Tool's inflation trigger is solid, while the Prestaflator's feels a bit flimsier, rattling from side to side that gives it a cheaper feel.

Advantage: Park Tool INF-1



The Park Tool INF-1 sports a dual-head design, with one being for Presta valves and the other for Schrader valves.

OPERATION

For inflating your tires, the Park Tool INF-1 is easier to use than the Prestacycle alternative, and here's why: Because the Park Tool's dual-head inflator is firmly fixed to the tool's body, it can be easily slipped onto a either a Presta or Schrader valve stem using only one hand. The Prestaflator's slip-on head, however, is attached to the tool's body with a long, flexible hose. And while this hose is a great asset when there's not much room between spokes on certain wheelsets (thereby keep the tool and your hands out of the way), the Prestaflator requires two hands to operate. Also, if you're switching back and forth between Presta and Schrader valve stems, you'll need to reconfigure the parts on the Prestaflator. The Prestaflator scores points for having a more user-friendly gauge, but this round goes to the Park Tool.

Advantage: Park Tool INF-1



The Prestaflator comes with a slip-on Presta head. In order to use the tool on a Schrader valve, you must disassemble it.

VERSATILITY

While the Park Tool inflator's fixed, dual-head design makes it the more user-friendly tire inflator, the Prestaflator's modular hose design means that you can swap out the Presta head to hit Schrader valves, or connect any one of Prestacycle's numerous accessories. This website uses cookies to improve These include a low-pressure blower tip that's ideal for blowing your experience. We'll assume you're dust and dirt off your bike after a ride, a lightweight coupler kit exwith this, but you can opt-out if you a "quick-clip" adapter that's a great add-on if you frequently fill up Schrader valves.

Advantage: Prestacycle Prestaflator

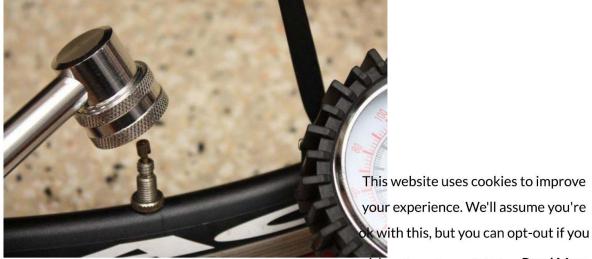


The Park Tool INF-1's dual-head design is easy to use with both Presta and Schrader valve options at the ready.

VALUE

The old adage, "you get what you pay for," holds true here. The Park Tool INF-1 is a higher quality tool all around, and it's really intended specifically for bike shop use. That said, we don't think it's worth it for a home mechanic to shell out more than twice the amount of money for it over the Prestaflator. The Prestaflator is plenty of tool to get any job done.

Adavantage: Prestacycle Prestaflator



The Prestaflator head slips easily onto Presta valve stems, by Accept Reject Read More needs to be reconfigured to work with Schrader valves.

THE VERDICT

We like the Park Tool INF-1 and we'd recommend it to any bike shop. And if you're a home mechanic with deep pockets that you're just aching to empty, we say go ahead and pop for the Park Tool. But for the average cyclist who does their own bike maintenance, the Prestacycle Prestaflator offers a better value. Its build quality isn't on par with the Park Tool's, and it's a bit more cumbersome to use when filling up your tires, but it features an easier-to-read gauge and offers more versatility with plenty of accessory options, all at a much friendlier price.

Winner: Prestacycle Prestaflator

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Our review

Serviceable, durable and effective – but the additional cost of screw-on attachments make this best for the committed mechanic



The Prestaflator offers a large, easy to use gauge and an easily controlled trigger release David Rome / Future Publishing

Owning an air compressor is a luxury that is often the difference between a successful <u>tubeless tyre install</u> or a stressful 'why is this so hard?' trip to the local store. While air compressors and car valve (Schrader) inflators are easily sourced at your local hardware giant, inflating a Presta valve isn't always so easy (or quick) – time to welcome the Prestaflator.

We hear you asking it. What does this inflator do that a cheap hardware store bought car inflator plus a brass Presta-to-Schrader valve adaptor can't? No doubt both will inflate the tyre, but it's a matter of convenience and you wouldn't expect to thread on an adaptor every time you use your floor pump, so why should a compressor be any different?

head difference, the Prestaflator features far more metal and has a heavier feel to it. It's also completely serviceable, and spares are readily available through PrestaCycle.



The prestaflator comes with a handful of various compressor attachments to fit nearly all common hose configurations: David Rome / Future Publishing

The Prestaflator includes a handful of various compressor attachments to fit just about all common hose configurations

Durability is one thing, but PrestaCycle is also adamant that many cheaper inflators just aren't safe for the higher pressures of road bikes, which is why the brand uses a gauge that goes to 170psi, and a flexible hose rated to 300psi.

The Prestaflator recently received a new '1way/2way' Presta head -



The 1way/2way presta head features two different threads. the smaller threads onto the cap threads of a presta valve, the larger outer threads are for use with the add-on accessories: David Rome / Future Publishing

The head features two different threads. The smaller you turn onto the cap threads of a Presta valve; the larger outer threads are for use with add-on accessories

While this head works brilliantly, it's usage will prove limited for many. The thread-on nature of the head makes it susceptible to unwinding removable valve cores once inflated. Additionally, if you want to seat a tubeless tyre without the valve core in place, the head won't have anything to thread to.

This glaring issue aside, the PrestaFlator is made to be as universal as possible and can be equipped with a variety of thread-on attachments for



The schrader valve add-on features a large clip that grabs hold of the valve easily and securely : David Rome / Future Publishing

The Schrader valve adapter is a good example of the quality add-on options

The thread-on EZ-Grip Presta accessory (£6.99/AU\$11.99) gives the inflator a simple push-on, pull-off use. It doesn't always create the perfect seal, but does get us to the desired pressure and works perfectly for tubeless setup and removable valve-cores. PrestaCycle actually say that this accessory is mandatory if you're a tubeless user.

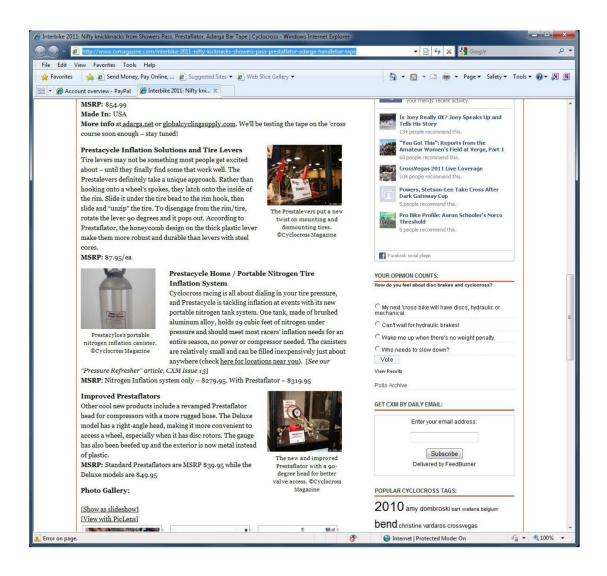
Inflating a Schrader valve requires a thread-on accessory which again works extremely well, but costs another £6.99/AU\$13.99.

These accessories make the Prestaflator a very effective tool for the workshop, but one that comes at a significant outlay. In a professional environment, this cost is marginal and would quickly pay for itself in the time saved – but for home mechanics, it may limit the the Prestaflator's appeal.

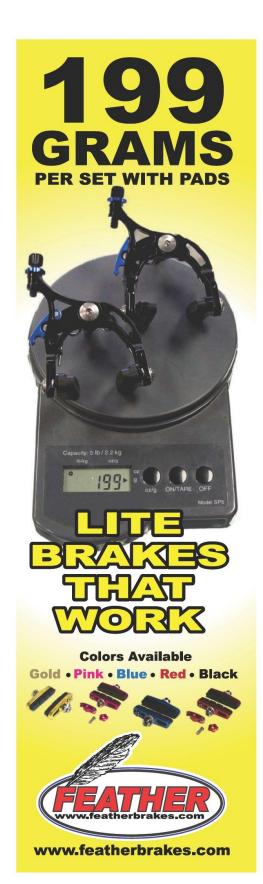
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Prestaflator Presta valve

When this ditty came through our world headquarters our dirt magazine meatheads I work alongside thought you could use it as a bong extension. Nope, instead it's the Holy Grail of Presta goodnes Granted, stand up pumps normally do the job, but this extension for your compressor gives the immediate jolt of air we are always yearning for. It has all the necessary bells and whistles including the all-important gauge, durable finish and a burly, dedicated Presta valve attachment. No longer will we have to search for that tiny nugget adapter we all are accustomed too. You know the one that usually falls behind the workbench or in some lost cavern of your garage never to be seen again.

CONTACT: prestaflator.com



As with gels and whatnot, there's a huge market of drinks out there and while Red Bull is king, the contenders aren't all that bad. It's hard to believe that this monster can has zero calories. Seriously? Yes it's true Nemo. It's carbonated which is good because you won't be able to down it like Neil at

an open bar, contains all the necessary powerboosting ingredients including 200 grams of caffeine, and most importantly tastes pretty darn good. For the peeps who don't dig the tall cans, there's an 8.4 ounce can too. Wimps. FLAVORS: Blu Pom, Big Apple, Cran Razz, Mango Guava

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PRESTAFLATOR

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Never have to pump again

Wish the air compressor in your garage had a presta valve adaptor so you didn't have to hand pump every presta-valved tube and tubeless tire? PrestaFlator gives you that adaptorand a lot more.

Tech features: The PrestaFlator connects to your air compressor with a replaceable I/M compressor quickrelease attachment. It has a cast aluminum pistol grip handle with beadblasted finish. A two-finger, variablerate trigger valve controls airflow. An air gauge (up to 174psi) is protected in a rubber housing. The brass presta chuck is rebuildable. The tool will work on presta and Schrader valves. The PrestaFlator sells for \$39.95, and the company offers an array of accessory attachments and rebuild kits.

You can reach PrestaFlator at (518) 577-2150.

Thrash test rating:

- ★★★★★ Perfection
- ★★★★☆ Delivers above average value and performance
- ★★★☆☆ Recommended for intended application
- ★★☆☆☆ Shows potential but has drawbacks
- ★☆☆☆ Save your hard-earned bucks

After the thrashing: The first time we used the PrestaFlator, we blew a loose-fitting Kenda Nevegal tire right off the rim. After the ringing in our ears had subsided and we had collected the shards of rubber from the ripped tube, we took PrestaFlator's instructions more seriously. It says right there in the manual to take it easy with a light trigger squeeze when adding air. From that point on, we filled tires and tubes

without incident (or breaking a sweat). The PrestaFlator really comes in handy for tires that just don't want to seat properly. The PrestaFlator made short work of those jobs. We found the tool's gauge to be accurate, and the big printing makes it easy to read. The PrestaFlator feels like a tool that will last for years. Get one and you will have the most popular garage on the block.



LAZER GENESIS RD 1 RACE



For the hard-to-fit head

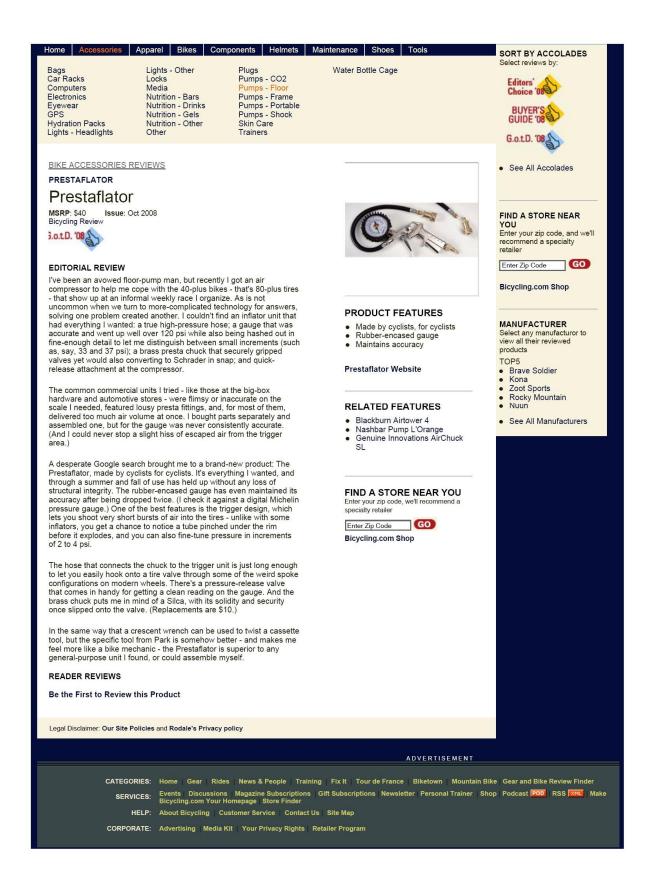
Lazer Helmets knows that no two heads are the same, and instead of designing a helmet with a liner that might favor one type of head over another, they came up with an idea to fit everybody.

Tech features: The \$175 Genesis RD Race helmet has an internal fitting harness that Lazer calls the Rollsys. Plop the helmet on and turn a dial (popping up from the shell near the rear of the helmet) to adjust the harness to the size and shape of your noggin. The helmet's liner and shell are in-molded (they start production as two pieces and come out as one). The helmet has 19 vents. Pads are removable for easy cleaning. The helmet weighed ten ounces. You can reach Lazer at (952) 236-4440.

After the thrashing: The Rollsys fitting system is not a cute gimmick. The Rollsvs dial reels in or takes out a tinv monofilament line that runs through the helmet's fit pads. We didn't have trouble fitting any of the wrecking crew with a single helmet. Lazer was also nice enough to use different colors for the retention straps so it is easier to know which strap to pull on when adjusting. The helmet feels light and offers adequate coverage for cross-country racing or trail riding. Some riders will experience slight changes in their head size during rides due to temperatures (of the environment and their bodies). These riders will love the Rollsys, because they can adjust the fit on the fly. The Genesis RD 1 Race is highly recommended for riders who have had fit issues with conventional helmets.









Product Review



Cycle Dog

Cycle Dog's Recycled Collar is made from reclaimed inner tubes. It provides comfort, durability and sheds water. Suggested retail: \$25

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The Ergo Race indoor trainer was developed based on the latest biomechanical research. The computer with VGA graphics screen includes programs and PC interface for connection to the World Tours 1.0 training software. Suggested retail: \$2,699; \$199 for World Tours software

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Electra

Electra's new camera mount easily affixes to handlebars and allows a rider to take photos and shoot video. It includes features from traditional tripods, such as an articulating ball head design and a rubber insert to minize vibration and enhance the camera/phone interface. Its cast aluminum head and clamp construction reduces weight. Suggested retail: \$39.99

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The Prestaflator has a unique trigger-action inflator valve. The variable-rate trigger valve allows for small squirts to prevent over-inflation. A full squeeze on the trigger provides maximum pressure for tubeless tires. Suggested retail: \$39.95 to \$49.95

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Ultima Health Products

Ultima Replinisher Grape is an electrolyte drink that provides vitamin C from real fruit. It's colored with grape skin, which is rich in antioxidants. All Ultima Replinisher products contain zero sugar and no artificial colors, flavors and sweeteners. Suggested retail: \$35.99

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The Morpho 1P tent uses air beams instead of poles, so it packs down small and sets up fast. A combination of waterproof/breathable OSMO fabric and waterproof PU Nylon keeps the weight down to 3.7 pounds, making it ideal for bike touring. Suggested retail: \$349.95

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Prestaflator » \$40

The Prestaflator is one cool tool. It's a trigger-operated air chuck with a built-in gauge and bleed valve that allows for precision filling, and air release, of both road and mountain bike tires. The Prestaflator's body is made from cast aluminum and fitted with stainless steel, brass and aluminum components. It has an easy-to-read gauge and is rated to over 170psi. A full complement of replacement parts and accessories are available, including a Schrader chuck, blower nozzle and an adaptor for disc wheels. This tool is the rage among pro mechanics on the mountain bike circuit.

I used my Prestaflator on road and mountain tires and it's especially useful when airing up tube-type tires tubeless with sealant. It quickly moved enough air for the set up, even on regular UST rims, though

this isn't recommended by the manufacturer.

While the Prestaflator is sweet, I still have a good floor pump. I find it hard to justify turning on an electric compressor and waiting for the tank to fill just to pump up my tires, especially low-volume road tires. Similarly, traveling with an electric compressor isn't practical.

But if you already have a compressor, this tool is a must-have. It makes the alternative—a Schrader chuck with Presta adaptor—feel insufficient.—MATT PACOCHA





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I have been slowly tweaking my home shop, to make it a more useful and functional environment, and this last winter, I got a small air compressor from Sears. The Craftsman 1.5 gal. 150 PSI Air Compressor (\$100), is light and portable enough to move it around where it's needed, and has adequate pressure and capacity for most situations.

However, all the tire attachments that came with the compressor, and other ones that I could locate in the marketplace, are for the Schrader valve (American valve), while most bicycles use the Presta (Sclaverand or French valve). I have used the small threaded brass Schrader to Presta adapters you'll find at any LBS, but they don't seal well, and are a pain to use, especially since most pump heads (or is that air heads?) lack threads.

I was finally able to locate a product that was made specifically for Presta valves, named the Prestaflator. It uses a pistol grip trigger with an attached pressure gauge, a screw on inflation hose with a threaded Presta chuck, and has a quick connect coupler for hooking up to the air compressor. The unit is made by Prestacycle based out of Waterford, New York, and they are cyclist's making tools for cycling.



The cast Aluminum bodied Prestaflator uses a variable-rate trigger valve, and has 6061-T6 Alloy, Chrome and Stainless Steel components for all connectors and moving parts. The steel cased pressure gauge has a rubber housing for protection, and reads pressures to 12 Bar/174 PSI with a 2% accuracy. The Prestaflator comes in two versions, the tool with the Presta head for \$39.95, and the tool with the Presta head,

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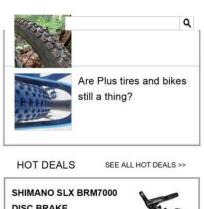
The Prestaflator's attachable inflation hose easily screwed onto the main body, and seats with o rings, for a tight seal. One of the nice features of the entire unit is that most of the items are serviceable or replaceable. I had a spare female quick connector, which I hooked up to the air compressor hose, and then could clip on the Prestaflator's coupler. The other end of the Prestaflator's inflation hose accepted an entire slew of threaded attachments, from the included default Presta head (Silca like), and an optional Schrader adapter and blower tip, and even the small brass adapters that I had been using as a stop gap measure. In addition, the hose's end threads directly into a Schrader if needed.

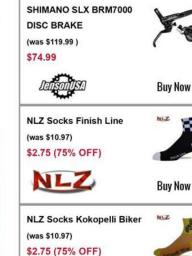


Once everything was hooked up, I turned on the air compressor, and since no leaks were evident, I proceeded to slide the Presta head onto the tire's valve. It took some effort, since the fit was snug on the valve stem, especially when the o rings are new. The user manual suggests using some Teflon lube to facilitate getting the head on and off, so I tried both Teflon and my trusty LPS-1 greaseless lube, and although it helped, it's still a tight fit. The tightness meant it was well sealed, and wasn't about to pop off accidentally, which facilitates a one handed filling technique. The long inflation hose came in quite handy, since it allowed you to maneuver through the spokes or work at odd angles, which is a common occurrence while working on a bike.

Sometimes the pressure gauge didn't show anything until I pulled the trigger, which pressurized the valve, usually it immediately gave a reading. To inflate the tire, I gave a bunch of small micro bursts of air, then released the trigger to get a valid reading, until it reached the required/desired tire pressure. Being able to do the micro bursting, allowed for fine tuning of air pressure (1-2psi), which I found amazingly handy. The unit doesn't have a bleed valve, so if you overfill the tire, it necessitates removing the Presta head and doing a manual bleeding. Due to the ability to micro burst the air pressure in small increments until the proper pressure is almost reached, I never needed this functionality.

The removal process starts by tapping the pressure relief button, which resides by the trigger, and then using your thumbs on the back side of the Presta head, give it a good hard push. The other extraction method is doing a decent tug straight out from the valve.





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with a tubeless set up, which means some rapid and high pressure fills (70-80 psi) to get the tires to bead up. The trigger was really handy to burst the bead on, but on some occasions, I had issues getting tubeless tires to seal up. When this issue would happen, the Presta head constricted the air flow, so the SCFM (Standard Cubic Feet of air per Minute) dropped, and I would have to revert to the short brass adapters. Keeping the Presta head lubricated greatly helped with the happenstance.

With the ability to change attachments, I could fill a tire with the Presta head, or switch to the blower tip. The blower tip could clean out dirt or water (after a washing) from the nooks and crannies of parts, and was handy for installing and removing grips on handlebars. It was also a multi-purpose tool, since I could inflate car and truck tires, sports equipment or even my kid's floaties for a pool session.

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Prestaflator Review

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Prestacycle Prestaflator

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Summary

I've found that the Prestacycle Prestaflator is super easy to set up with an existing air compressor, features an easy-to-read <u>gauge</u>, makes a reliable connection between the head and valve, and comes with handy

features like an easy-to-reach pressure release button and variable-rate trigger mechanism.

But, despite its relative affordability compared to Park's INF-2 and its mostly positive online cyclist reputation, I'm a bit apprehensive to sign off on the manufacturer's "shop-duty" advertising claims.

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We combine our direct experience using Prestacycle's Prestaflator with third-party details, along with feedback from other cyclists, so you can decide if it belongs next to your tool bench.

About Prestaflator

The **Prestacycle Prestaflator** is a multipurpose tool designed explicitly for bicycle tires that promises to meet virtually all your air compressor inflation needs. This includes both <u>Presta</u> and <u>Schrader valve</u> compatibility, inflating and seating <u>tubeless</u> tires, and even automotive applications.

Just open the valve and release the tension, press the head onto the valve, and inflate. When you reach your desired pressure, stop and pull the head off the valve.

Prestacycle backs all direct Prestaflator purchases (\$49.95) with a 30-day refund policy, as long as they're in original condition, with original packaging and materials and without any signs of usage or wear. They also provide a one-year

Together, the website advertises that Prestaflator is a "different, high-quality, serviceable tool designed, built, and war and the for used on bicycles." But, should you buy?

Using a combination of firsthand experience, online customer feedback, and third-party resources, we'll help you decide if it deserves a spot in your home shop.

What Makes Prestaflator Different? An Overview of How Its Features Work

Prestacycle advertises the Prestaflator as a professional, shop-duty tool built to a higher quality standard. Here's how:

Body & Trigger Valve

This section features a cast alloy, nickel-plated handle with a bead-blasted finish, along with removable and re-buildable components like the thumb-control pressure release button, a two-finger, variable-rate trigger mechanism, as well as a hose connection. All of these also boast interior rubber seals.

Prestacycle explains that Prestaflator's long-throw trigger valve plunger is long, narrow, and backed with a high-force spring. This allows you to add a precise amount of air whether using brief, rapid shots or full trigger squeezes for seating tubeless tires.

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Hose

Prestaflator's 13" hose is made from reinforced polyurethane that provides durability, a high level of flexibility, and high-pressure capability. In fact, Prestacycle tells us it's three times more flexible than their original hose and rated up to 300 PSI.

It attaches to the body using smooth, corrosion resistant alloy clamps.

Heads and Connectors

These smooth alloy clamps also make the spinner head at the opposite end of the hose more comfortable for users, which is removable and replaceable with many other Presta, Schrader, and low-pressure heads from Prestacycle.

Just unthread the existing 6061-T6 alloy head and thread on a replacement. According to the company, this material makes them as strong as brass, but one-third the weight.

The connector and moving part components are made from chrome and stainless steel.

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The standard head attached to the Original model we tested (more soon) is their Push/Pull AlloyQuickClick2™ Angle Presta version, which promises never to bend the valve pin or clog with sealants.

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The head's angle is completely adjustable simply by loosening the connector, turning the head, and retightening.

Construction & Replacement Parts

Inside this head, you'll find a urethane elastomer grommet that's said to last five times longer than Prestacycle's previous versions, while also providing a more robust seal with the valve, and delivering improved functionality with the removable valve cores found in tubeless tire setups.

If it needs replacement, the 24.1 pump head gasket is readily available through just about any cycling parts source.

Inside the QuickClick2™ Angle alloy head is a urethane elastomer grommet, which we found provides a quick, secure seal against the valve. Learning how to seat it with one hand while holding the Prestaflator with the other can take some trial-and-error, though.

Along these same lines, all <u>coupler</u> connections feature interior rubber seals for easy removal and changing when it's time to rebuild so that the tool can deliver years of reliable service.

All threaded hose, variable-rate trigger, and pressure release mechanisms use #7 o-rings that you can remove, change, and service with a 14 mm wrench. Rebuild kits are available.

In addition to the Presta head, the Original Prestaflator version comes with a ¼" I/M QuickCoupler that you can install without tape or <u>glue</u>, as well as the company's Quick-Clip Automotive Schrader head inside the packaging.

This is the case whether removing the Presta head and <u>threading</u> the hose directly onto the Schrader valve, or using Prestacycle's Quick Schrader Head, which features a clip that locks onto the valve with justa press.

From left to right, Prestaflator's stock QuickClick2TM Angle head, Quick-Clip Automotive Schrader head, and 1/4" I/M Quick Coupler, all of which come packaged with the Original Dial version.

While Prestaflator offers a digital model (more soon), the dial gauge we tested features a durable rubber-wrapped steel $\frac{1}{5}$ hell that helps protect it against damage. Inside, a high-quality copper coil delivers accurate pressure readings within +/- 2%, at any range.

I found Prestaflator's dial easy to read, which displays pressure in 2 PSI (0.1 Bar) increments.

Prestaflator's dial face is 2¼" (6 cm) in <u>diameter</u>, which the company indicates is "designed for MTB and Road tires with a wide range of pressure requirements."

Pro tip: While Prestaflator's black hose is rated for up to 300 PSI, keep in mind that the dial gauge can only read up to 174 PSI (12Bar).

A diagram of Prestaflator's key parts. @TreadBikely]

Instructions For Using the Prestaflator

After attaching to your compressor hose underneath the handle, you'll merely push Prestaflator's QuickClick 2^{TM} Angle head over the tip of your <u>Presta valve</u>, at which point it will deliver a current pressure reading.

When you're ready, you can add a small amount of air with a light pull of the trigger, or a strong blast (such as when seating tubeless tires) with a long squeeze. If you surpass your desired pressure, you can hold the handy pressure release button to drain air from the tire.

When finished, just pull the head off of the valve. Whether used for road or mountain bike tires, no loss of <u>air pressure</u> from the tire will occur. See below for a quick example of how this works:



It's the same basic process for automotive tires, although you'll need to change to one of the included heads outlined earlier.

The Differences Between Each Prestaflator Model: Original vs. Digital vs. Mini

Each Prestaflator model has more in common than otherwise, including the same professional, shop-grade, 6061-T6 alloy ₹ onstruction; cycling-specific variable flow valve, Presta and Schrader compatibility, and rubber gauge housing.

Add to this a replaceable I/M compressor quick release attachment, thumb-control pressure release button, and thread-on head compatibility that accepts many other versions.

With these details in mind, here's a quick table outlining their differences:

	Prestaflator Dial	Prestaflator RapidResponse™ Digital	Prestaflator Mini
MSRP	\$49.95	\$79.95	\$36.95 – \$89.95
Gauge	Dial	Digital, uses two CR2032 batteries	N/A
Hose	High-pressure polyurethane	Braid reinforced hose, which the company advertises as their strongest and most flexible	No hose
Max Pressure Readout	174 PSI in 2 PSI increments (12 Bar in 0.1 increments)	255 PSI in 0.1 PSI increments (17 Bat in 0.01 increments)	N/A
		Cast alloy, nickel-plated handle w/ bead-blasted finish	Cast aluminum w/nickel finish
Air Valve	Two-finger trigger valve	Two-finger trigger valve	Palm-squeeze trigger valve
Additional Features	N/A	Provides measurements in MPA/KG/CM units	Valve design allows for one- handed operation

A Closer Look at the Prestacycle Tire Pressure Calculator App

The free Prestacycle Bicycle Tire Pressure Calculator app is available for iOS and Android smartphones, which allows cyclists to recommend different tire pressures based on factors like rider weight, tire size and type, bicycle type, and riding conditions.

Simply swipe left or right on the home screen to choose between different tires and calculation methods. For example, road riders can select calculations based on tire width and rider weight, rider and bike weight plus tire width, or a combination of front and rear weight distribution and tire width.

Mountain bike and cyclocross riders can select between factors like <u>tube</u> or tubeless tires, tire size $(26^\circ, \underline{27.5}^\circ)$, and 2° options available), rider weight, and terrain. Then, the app delivers different results for front and rear tires.

A few screenshots from Prestacycle's iOS app, which allows riders across multiple disciplines to calculate appropriate tire pressure based on a number of key factors. Credit: Prestacycle

Overall,I found the app downloaded quickly and was super simple to use. With the increasing popularity of <u>650B</u> tires, though, perhaps the most significant potential downfall is that it can't accommodate anything wider than a 40 mm tire.

What else did I encounter with the Prestaflator?

My Experience Using the Prestacycle Prestaflator

Build Quality

To be honest, the Prestaflator didn't necessarily strike me as a tool "built to a high-quality standard" when I first removed it from the box and unwrapped it from its plastic.

The front and back of Prestaflator's box, as I received it from Amazon.

Why? I thought it felt lightweight—almost hollow, without a sense that it would withstand regular use and abuse. In fact, it felt less robust than the DIY model I created from parts I picked up at a local home improvement store.

On the left is Prestacycle's Prestaflator. On the right is a DIY tool I created years ago using online instructions, as well as parts picked up from a local home improvement store and others cannibalized from an old, broken bike pump. Despite their vastly different sourcing, they feature quite similar designs.

Overall Performance

While my initial impressions weren't stellar, the Prestaflator has performed flawlessly for my residential needs, such as seating tubeless tires and occasionally topping off tires while I'm outside washing bikes.

It's consistently formed a reliable seal between the head and Presta valve, without any noticeable leaks, whether there or at the joints. The latter was the downfall of my previous DIY model after several years of regular use, so I'll make sure to update this review if the situation changes at any point.

PSI Precision

From an accuracy perspective, the Prestaflator's gauge seems fairly precise when compared with G.H. Meiser's Accu-Gage, and appears to deliver on the emanufacturer's "exact pressure you set" claims. See below for a quick

comparison at 60 PSI and 40 PSI:



Zooming out, have other cyclists experienced the same?

Learning More From Online Prestaflator Customer Reviews

The Prestaflator bicycle-specific compressor tool has been around for many years, with many online reviews going as far back as 2010.

Common Compliments

Focusing on more recent feedback, we encountered 80+ combined reviews between Amazon and JensonUSA, who had given the Prestaflator Dial an average rating of about 3.7 stars. Most seemed to like its ease of use, robust functionality (including a tight seal between the head and valve), and the level of value it provided.

Common Complaints

Some customers, however, reported lower quality than expected (defective seals/hose, cracked aluminum body, etc.), especially over the medium-to-long-term, as well as the high price for what you get.

PrestaCycle App Reviews

Averaging Prestacycle's iOS and Android app reviews, it faired significantly lower, with a rating of about two stars among 25 total reviews. Most seemed to appreciate the basic information it provided, but were often displeased with it snavigation, limited functionality (e.g., no 650B or fat tire sizes available), and that all measurements were listed only in pounds or PSI.

For what it's worth, I found the app super easy to use and its recommendations handy as a starting point, if not generic.

Among displeased Prestaflator consumers, more than one recommended purchasing the Park Tool INF-1 instead. But, is this necessarily comparing apples to apples?

Prestacycle Prestaflator vs. Park Tool INF-2

When it comes to bicycle-specific, Presta-compatible compressor tools, the only mass-marketed competitor currently available is Park Tool's high-end INF-2 (previously marketed as the INF-1).

Similarities

Despite their different appearances, the two share quite a bit in common, including full re-buildability, a rotatable Presta/Schrader compatible head, a built-in gauge with a protective coating to prevent damage, lightweight body, and an integrated air bleed button.

They're also roughly the same size, although the INF-2's design is meaningfully wider than Prestaflator's. Also, the INF-2's trigger features a hang-ready design that might be faster to set aside in shop situations.

The Prestacycle Prestaflator's (left) biggest, and only, direct competitor—other than DIY options—is ParkTool's INF-2 (right).

Differences

Outside of appearance, the two quite distinct regarding some factors, though. Here's a quick table outlining these differences:

	Prestacycle Prestaflator	Park Tool INF-2	
MSRP	\$49.95	\$140.95	
Overall Dimensions	10.3" x 5" x 1.6"	11" x 5" x 4"	
Gauge Size	2 1/4" (6 cm)	N/A (appears to be smaller than Prestaflator)	
Construction Design	Pistol-grip w/trigger valve	Straight, behind-the-handle trigger	
Construction Materials	Cast alloy, nickel-plated handle w/ bead-blasted finish	N/A (appears to be painted alloy)	
Hose Length	13"	N/A	
Head Design	Threaded; must unscrew each head to replace	Dual-sided; simply flip (also accepts any NPT male	
Weight	0.76 lbs	1.75 lbs	
Max PSI Rating	174 PSI in 2 PSI increments, or 12 Bar in 0.1 Bar increments	160 PSI in 5 PSI increments, or 11 Bar in 0.5 Bar increments	

Th bottom line is that while each of these tools might compete for some of the same customers, they clearly target different markets.

For example, with a price nearly three times higher than Prestaflator's and a hugely reputable name behind it, the Park Tool INF-2 is ideal for semi-professional (or full-time) bicycle mechanics—or, at least cyclists with a lot of extra money to burn.

On the other hand, at least based on my experience, amateur/garage bicycle mechanics will likely find that the Prestaflator meets most of their needs. It also reaches higher air pressure (by 14 PSI) than the INF-2, if that's something important to you.

The Prestaflator's gauge also displays lower readings, which could come in especially handy for wider tires found on mountain, plus size, and fat bikes.

However, the Prestaflator certainly isn't as flashy as the INF-2, and it doesn't necessarily come with Park Tool's brand reputation. Longevity is also something that remains to be determined.

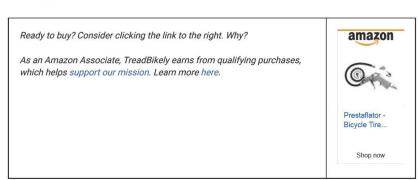
Bringing Everything Together When it Comes to the Prestacycle Prestaflator

As of this writing, I've used the Prestaflator for a little more than three weeks to seat tubeless tires, as well as top tires off before heading out on a ride.

And in that time, I've found that it's easy to use, accurate, comfortable in hand, and even relatively easy to use (with some practice) with one hand holding the head and the other gripping the handle.

Overall, I'd recommend it's well worth the money, especially if you're a tubeless rider and need to re-seat tires on a regular basis.

It's also optimal if you don't want to spend nearly three times as much for the INF-2. Or, if you don't wish to spend the time (and almost as much money) building a DIY version.







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Tested: Prestacycle Prestaflator Mini-\$37

The quickest, cheapest way for your tire to take a seat.

April 30, 2018 By Travis Engel 3

Photos: Satchel Cronk

There was a time when an air compressor was something only your gearhead uncle or your handy neighbor would have. Something to run nail guns and air wrenches at 7 am on any Sunday, not something every rider wants when we face seating a tire of average (or even below-average) stubbornness. Now, if we look to make easy work of late-night wheel repair or last-minute tire swaps, every one of us ought to have this \$60 symbol of adulthood in our garage.

But you wouldn't think so by looking at the dearth of options in prestacompatible chucks that fit those compressors. Type "presta chuck" into Google and turn on the "shopping" filter, and most products you'll see put the business at the end of a hose, which itself fits at the end of an air gun. In a professional setting where you're mostly topping off tires that are still on the bike and still in the stand, this makes sense. But for the home mechanic, primarily using a compressor to install and seat new tires, it seems like a waste of time to use an extra five seconds or (somehow) an extra five fingers to attach the end of that hose onto your valve while also holding both the wheel and the trigger. To me, it makes more sense to permanently affix the valve to the trigger itself. If you want to spend around \$130, there are some nifty offerings from Park Tool and Efficient Velo Solutions which do just that. But if you'd rather spend \$37, you will be buying the Prestaflator Mini from Prestaggerle



PrestaCycle Goes Single Handed with new Prestaflator Mini, Adds Digital Gauge, Automotive Chuck, more

By Zach Overholt - October 29, 2015



When it comes time to air up your tires, an air compressor will go a long way. Now ϵ inflator head to that airline and the process gets even easier. Prestacycle has gained over the years for their durable Prestaflator which allows you to easily inflate your ti watching the gauge to get that perfect pressure.

Now the company is introducing the Prestaflator Mini. What it lacks in a gauge, it may

usability requiring only one hand...





Technically, once the original Prestaflator is attached to the valve you can get away handed use, but the Mini is a true one handed affair to attach it to the valve with the 2 presta valve head and inflate the tire with the control lever. Since the Mini doesn't gauge, it is recommended that you are either very experienced with tire inflation or properly set your air compressor so you don't blow the tire off the rim with 300 psi.



That's where the new Digital gauge comes in. Designed to thread into 1/8" air comp regulators or even floor pumps, the digital gauge will allow you to set the pressure t increments for perfect inflation every time. Offering 0.5 psi accuracy to 100 psi, and accuracy to 300 psi, the gauge also features an auto on/off function.

Prestaflator Minis will sell for \$29.95 in presta or schrader versions, and the digital g another \$29.95.





Other inflation adapters include the new Quick-Click 2 Disc Wheel angle head, and the automotive specific Quick-Click 2 shrader head to make filling car tires easier than e



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Prestaflator by Prestacycle

by Ryan • February 6, 2015



A few months ago I came across the Prestaflator from PrestaCycle.

Prestaflator Gauge Prestaflator Gauge

Any cyclist who has ever tried to inflate a set of tires with a presta valve has most likely cursed the attachments at the end of their air compressor hose, and the Prestaflator is the fix.

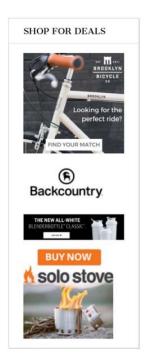
The Prestaflator is a hand-held tire inflation tool with a pressure gauge and blow off valve. This air compressor accessory looks like an air tool you may see at an auto shop, but built to higher standards for cycling needs. It has a quality bead blasted raw finish alloy body. An easy pull trigger allows for precise inflation or wide open for you trigger-happy types. No worry about too much air too fast, Prestacycle throws in a simple to use deflation button that sits slightly above and back to the left side. Be sure to watch the gauge though, as it sits right above the trigger. Prestacycle claims the gauge is accurate to within +/- 2%, and the dial has a range of 12 Bar/174 PSI. The hose is made of reinforced polyurethane and can handle up to 300 PSI. Of course, one would never want to test this on a bike tire. The grip body has a 1/4 inch male threaded adapter for many uses. Prestacycle's presta head connects to your valve stem with a new and improved easy-on easy-off "24.1 pump head gasket" which you can service and rebuild with parts from any Prestacycle dealer.

> Prestaflator Prestaflator

Having used Prestaflator to air up just about every tire in my home from the riding mower to my wife's

unicycle, I was sure to put this tool through quite a few tests. The

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ease of getting the air pressure to the exact amount was great. Deflating a tire with the blow off button to the proper pressure without having to release the chuck was one of my favorite parts of the tool. I can't even begin to count the amount of times I've had to let air out manually, then check a gauge, let some more out and check again. The Prestaflator does away with all those issues. You can also change the adapter on the Prestaflator in a flash. Just screw in the adapter to the hose head you want to use. You can't get any simpler than that. If you look close, the smaller threads are where you screw the hose head onto the presta valve, and the larger threads are for the attachments. I really liked using the presta disc wheel adapter. It makes easy work of trying to fit a presta head between the spokes and rotor and inflating your tire at the same time. Using the schrader valve adapter was great too. While this adapter does not screw or push onto the valve, it does have a clamping trait. Just make sure to hold it firmly so air doesn't escape like a standard car inflator does.

> Prestaflator in use Prestaflator in use

While it's clear that many bike riders may not see a need for this tool at an MSRP of \$49.99, I find it to be a great asset to my tool chest. Not only has it made one part of tire swaps and top ups very easy, but no longer do I have to use my poorly made floor pump. I will know for a fact that I have the tires inflated to the right PSI and ride in confidence.

Check out <u>Prestaflator.com</u> for more info, or ask for them at a bike shop near you!

- Ryan

Disclosure of Material Connection: I received the Prestaflator for free from <u>Prestacycle,LLC</u> in consideration for review publication.

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New Gadgets from - Lezyne - Prestaflator - Revelate -CafeLatex

by Gomez on September 15, 2017 in Accessories, Tools

We've gone digital in the shop and out on the trail with a couple of new gadgets from our amigo, Dillon at Lezyne and the fine individuals at Prestaflator. I'm referring to the digital gauges on our favorite tire inflation devices, of course. Let's launch this new (to us) product smorgasbord with Lezynes intergrated digital gauge upgrade.

Lezyne Micro Floor Digital Drive HVG

We've done a fair share of pump tests and we've reviewed the Lezyne Micro Floor Drive HV and XL pumps here and here. Last spring we saw Lezyne's new digital gauge upgrade at Sea Otter and we've been using the new guage upgrade on our Micro Floor Drive HV for about a month now. Replacing the standard hose with the new hose is about as easy as it gets. Once the new gauge hose is installed, press and hold the start button and after a brief moment the display comes on in Klingon and then a nice large number zero appears. The readout is large enough for people who need reading glasses to see. I used the new pump at a beach ride down in Zion and it took all of the mystery out of going from soft sand 3psi to gravel cruising 8psi. It probably won't work at arctic temps, but I guess we'll see come this winter.

Check it out at - www.lezyne.com

Prestaflator Digital -**Multipurpose Bicycle Inflation** Tool





Instead of doing the sane thing and buying the gasket rebuild kit for my old Prestaflator air tool, that I use in the shop, I sprung for a new unit with a 'digital' gauge. I looked at the Park Tools inflation head, but I like the extended hose on the Prestaflator head and I have a nice Silca Presta air chuck for it, so eighty bucks later, we have complete digital air pressure gauges across the board, from sea to shining sea, etc. It features a nice large digital readout and an auto on/off sensor that makes it as easy as the old analog gauge. The presta chuck that came on the new head, works so well, that I haven't swapped it out for the Silca chuck (yet). Prestaflator has some pretty cool tools on their site as well.

You can see more at www.prestaflator.com

Revelate Designs Washboard Strap



So next up in today's product circus are some straps from Revelate Designs that will take your Salsa Anything Cage to all new levels of awesome. We first showed you straps that are similar to these in last summer's 'Gnome-Proof Gear Series' and now the godfather of bike bags, Revelate Designs has come out with the Washboard Strap. A stretchy, rattle free, urethane strap for basically... anything & everything. If you strap things onto your bike – your life just got easier. We also picked up a pair of Revelate's new Feed Bags abd the new 'Flip Top' Gas Tank bag that make tidy work of any bike's cockpit storage area, but we'll feature the new bike bags in their own post, because they're both total bad asses, all on their own!

Exhibit C

Example of Actual Confusion Incident

Subject: Re: Product Support from Mike Wever **From:** Mike Wever <wevermike@gmail.com>

Date: 10/2/2019, 1:42 PM **To:** cs@prestacycle.com

will see if i retained any paperwork.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2019, at 12:31 PM, David Finlayson <cs@prestacycle.com> wrote:

Hi Mike,

I'm sorry to tell you, that is not our product. Not a Prestaflator. Did someone sell it to you as a Prestaflator Brand product?

Thanks, David



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