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ZERO X
(\$11,499; zeroenergy.com)

Fly Wheels

Ode to the electric dirt bike BY STEVE CASIMIRO

■ IN THIS POST-PRIUS WORLD, plug-in vehicles promise to be the next big thing. But unless you're willing to drop \$100K on a Tesla or wait another year for the Chevy Volt, options are scarce. Hence my excitement when I discovered the Zero X electric dirt bike: It runs on lithium-ion batteries (recyclable and nontoxic), recharges in two hours, tops out at 55 mph—and is nearly silent. Zipping around a dirt lot, I heard nothing but breeze and tires rolling. The acceleration was startling—zero to 30 mph in under two seconds—but at 151 pounds, the aluminum rig was as easy to control as my mountain bike.

For environmentalists, motocross bikes rank alongside snowmobiles and ATVs (loud, polluting instruments of reckless behavior), but the Zero X makes a guilt-free alternative to the gas-guzzlers we too often use to reach the trailhead or crag. Soon Zero will sell a street version, then a street-dirt dual-sport. Electric transport isn't just for tree hugger wish lists. It's here, now.



COFFEE CONNOISSEUR

Camping gets civilized with the world's smallest espresso maker, the **Importika Handpresso Wild**. Slip in a paper espresso pod (found at the supermarket), add hot water, pump vigorously, and...
ssssss, aromatic zzzzz (\$130; wholelattelove.com).



ROOF RESERVES SUVs are out, rooftop boxes are in, and **Yakima** has the best. The **LoPro Skybox 15** can carry 15 cubic feet of loot but measures just 11.6 inches high (2.6 inches shorter than its top competitor)—an aerodynamic design that's easier on your mpg (\$660; yakima.com).



ECO-CHAMP Introducing Patagonia's most prize-worthy jacket, the **Stretch Ascent**: a full-on alpine shell—2.5 layers, waterproof-breathable, durable as they come—made from 100 percent recycled materials. Proof that you can go green without compromise (\$300; patagonia.com).



STREET TREAD It's the old-school sneaker you've always wanted—retro style, modern comfort—but the real story behind the **Simple eco5** is a sustainable one: It has an outsole made from reused car tires, sidewalls of recycled bike tires, and a hemp upper (\$70; simpleshoes.com).

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THE BUZZ» GU's Roctane gel equine race-day gel fuel (\$90; guenergy.com). // Made from Chinese rice sacks, no two **Keen Cornell** messengers are alike (\$70; keenfootwear.com).