

# Cycling Plus (UK)

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- SwissStop FlashPro GHP2 receives 'Best On Test'
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## BRAKE PADS FOR ALLOY RIMS

£3.84 - £12.49 > Come over to our pad for some safer stopping



### FIBRAX BLACK

★★★☆☆ £5.99 (pair)

THESE BASIC PADS are reasonable for the UK but not the Alps. The soft moulding is awkward to fit without pliers and lever feel is similarly soft and mushy when trying to gauge traction. They fade noticeably in prolonged high-speed drag brake situations, but power at lower speeds is decent and there's very little loss of anchorage in the wet.



### DISCOBRAKES

★★★☆☆ £3.84 (pair)

THESE ARE THE cheapest pads here and it shows. They're much softer and mushier than our Shimano benchmark pads, with more lever pull. Intermittent low-speed braking is decent, but balance of slip and grip is unpredictable. Extended braking causes rapid, significant power loss, while wet rims lead to even more dramatic loss of control.



### AZTEC ROAD PLUS

★★★★★ £6.99 (pair)

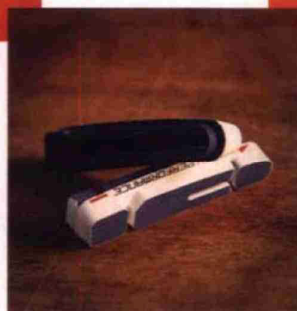
AZTEC'S TWIN-COMPOUND pads are well priced, controlled in the dry and decent, if noisy, in the wet. The hard-rear, soft-nose compound slides in easily and communication of their ample power is clear and consistent. The dimpled nose and slotted main pad can be noisy, and they feel rough in the wet, but soon return to quiet control.



### KOOL STOP DURA2

★★★★★ £10.49 (pair)

THESE DUAL-COMPOUND pads are pricey but deliver consistent control, particularly in the wet. They slide in easily for a more easily modulated feel at the lever than our benchmark Shimano pads, and only fade slightly at high temperatures or when rims are wet and dirty. They do suck up grit greedily, though.



### BBB TECHSTOP TRIPLE CONTOUR

★★★★★ £4.48 (pair)

WE COULDN'T REPLICATE the claimed 30 per cent increase in power in our own tests, but the BBB pads offer excellent feel at the lever at lower speeds and temperatures. However, braking in the wet is less impressive, they pick up grit and are also prone to cuts.



### SWISSSTOP FLASH PRO GHP II

★★★★★ £12.49 (pair)

AT £24.99 FOR two pairs these are the most expensive pads here, but were also the fastest-stopping pads in both the wet and dry, and modulation is fantastic, so you can judge and surf the tyre breakaway point almost as well as discs.



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SwissStop bicycle brake pads are a product of Rex Articoli Tecnici SA. Founded in 1935, the company started to develop and manufacture bicycle brake pads in the 1950s, becoming the original equipment supplier for several of the leading brake manufacturers of that time. By the 1970s annual production reached over 20 million pieces per year. SwissStop was created in the 1990s and with this brand Rex continues its decades long tradition of research, development and production in the bicycle brake pad industry. Rex Articoli Tecnici also produces a wide range of technical items of rubber, thermoplastics and elastic materials.

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