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VELO VISION AND VELO-VISION
We weren't first with the name. *Velo-Vision* is a bike shop in Körten, near Bergisch-Gladbach, Germany. *Velo Vision* magazine exists in friendly harmony with *Velo-Vision* in Germany.

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A decade done

Issue 40 marks ten years' worth of *Velo Vision*, and it's a publication record of which all of us here, our many contributors, and our advertisers can all be very proud. Sincere thanks also to you the readers, both for your continued support in subscribing and in the wonderful feedback which we receive.

As you'll see, we've indulged in a few minor celebrations this issue; the wrap-around cover to echo Issue 1, and a look at how *Velo Vision*

is made. Also, many of you may have noticed that the magazine now has a revamped website (you can find it at www.velovision.com, just as before).

We know that completing ten years doesn't mean a chance to rest on our laurels, and our first priority is returning to schedule. Apologies that we haven't yet managed to catch up after last issue's delays; I hope this issue has been worth the wait.

Peter Eland

Scuff Muffle

Velo Vision reader **Paul Robison** reviews a Brompton frame protector from floating bike shop **Tiller Cycles**, who we featured in 'Letters' in Issue 38...

Do you sometimes find it hard to get your leg over?

That's how I imagine this neoprene scuff guard from Tiller Cycles being advertised. My old black Brompton frame certainly bears the evidence of my lack of mounting prowess. And since I sold it last year I have to borrow my wife's pink Brompton whenever my Dahon won't cut it – i.e. whenever I need a bike that folds smaller than a wheelie bin.

I like to think I'm in touch with my feminine side, so riding a pink Brompton is nothing to be ashamed of. But on the *Velo Vision* trip to the Spezi show earlier this year, it did raise a few eyebrows. Possibly the close proximity of the sleeping conditions brought questions about my sexuality into the realm of the personal, or maybe it was the testosterone-infused rock band bus. But it did seem to confound expectations.

So on a recent trip with my Cambridge Cycling Campaign colleagues to see our Cyclox counterparts in the other place, it seemed a perfect chance to try out this scuff guard on the pink Brompton. Thus serving the dual purpose of protecting my wife's precious bike from my clodhoppers and covering the frame enough to save embarrassing our hosts.

It fits very easily and snugly with a long strip of Velcro, and it's cut well to shape around the miniature 'down tube'. It does make carrying more comfortable (although I usually carry a Brompton by the saddle). As

pointed out in the instructions, after riding in the wet it's wise to remove it and let everything dry off. Oxford provided ideal test conditions for this (I imagine it rains there all the time).

I haven't weighed it, but it's very light. I figured that if you were that bothered about precise grammage, you probably wouldn't have a Brompton.

Having initially thought 'who on earth would buy one of these', I now see that I am in fact their definitive customer. Dodgy hip, so have trouble getting on the bike without kicking



It answers all these problems very well and would be a useful thing for Brompton to add to their range of accessories or even to supply with each bike. For years, when the founder and consummate engineer Andrew Ritchie was in charge, Bromptons, Ford-like, only came in black. Now it's run by a marketing man, you can have red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo or violet. Wouldn't it be a simpler way to allow people to pimp their rides if these Scuff Muffles were available in a range of colours and designs? You could buy several and change it to match your shoes!

Paul Robison

the frame? Tick. Slightly embarrassed about the colour you've chosen for your Brompton? Tick. Want to protect the frame from baggage handlers and coach drivers? Tick.

Available from Tiller Cycles, £10.99 post free: Tel 07749 824784 or see www.tillercycles.co.uk

