

## Tradeshow Season Recap

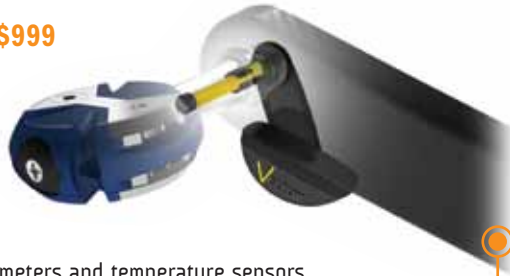
OUR PAIR OF RESIDENT TECH GURUS CRUISED THE SHOW FLOOR AT EUROBIKE IN AUGUST AND INTERBIKE IN SEPTEMBER TO BRING YOU A PREVIEW OF THE TOP TRI TOYS OF 2010.

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### JAY'S BEST OF SHOW

#### METRIGEAR VECTOR POWER METER \$999

This is hands down the best of the show as well as a complete surprise. The Silicon Valley brain trust created what they were clear to describe as a force meter, not just a power meter, and it sets up new paradigms in future power measurement data retrieval. Its beauty is in its size, or lack thereof; more than 60 strain gauges, accelerometers and temperature sensors are housed inside the hollow axle of alloy Speedplay pedals. The unit transfers half a million samples per second to a small battery pack. But the greatest thing is that tiny unit processes the forces the cyclist applies to the pedals in every direction on a vector. That means that once programs are capable, it will be able to read and analyze power in direction through the pedal stroke, force angle and more. [Metrigear.com](http://Metrigear.com)



#### PEARL IZUMI P.R.O. TRISUIT \$240

This ultra-light suit uses the same grid-design aero fabric as the time trial suits worn by the Garmin-Chipotle pro road team. Pearl Izumi backs the fabric with a material that reflects the sun's rays, creating a cooler surface temperature similar to that of a white fabric. Available in men's and women's short, \$95, and singlet, \$85. [Pearlizumi.com](http://Pearlizumi.com)

#### HED LOLLIPOP \$50

Aero wheels will always be his focus, but Steve Hed couldn't pass the opportunity to make your water bottle a bit more speed-friendly as well. The aptly named Lollipop is a steerer-mounted bottle holder that lies horizontally between the extensions. It provides a long range of fore/aft adjustments and can be installed or removed in only a few minutes. Available in a shorter \$40 version too. [Hedcycling.com](http://Hedcycling.com)



#### GURU CRONO 2.0 \$4,500/FRAMESET

My best of show runner-up, the 2.0 finally answers that omnipresent question: What about the numbers? Hiring a design engineer more than two years ago, Guru's first effort at a truly aero-designed tri bike was one of the industry's finest; clean lines marry with the brand's hallmark elements, particularly ride quality via a stiff drivetrain. It's built into a frame that still retains Guru's organic feel. [Gurubikes.com](http://Gurubikes.com)



#### 2XU PROJECT X \$900

The wetsuit market is finally close to hitting the \$1,000 barrier. The crew at 2XU is pretty excited about this one and for good reason. The draw is in the X-Flex front panel, which extends from the upper chest down through the crotch and over each thigh. The unique design makes for a suit that is biaxially separated, and 2XU promises greater breathability, reach and body rotation. It employs rubber with internal air cells in the chest, and the legs have a metallic alloy coating on the inner jersey that the company says helps promote lower leg blood flow. [2xu.com](http://2xu.com)

