

Special Tandem Events Issue!

# Product Review - Pederson SE 2000 Tandem Brake Revolutionary new tire lever! NUTS Ride Calender hits the *World Wide Web! IMPORTANT SIGN UP INFO ON PAGE 4!!*

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## Saturday, September 13th

Starts at 10:00 am
25-40 miles moderate pace
Meet at R+E Cycles

RSVP to 206-368-5490 ext. NUT (688) or e-mail us at RodTandem@aol.com

#### Saturday, October 11th Tandem 101 Class

Learn to ride a tandem.

Starts at 9:30 am at R+E Cycles

\$25 per couple.

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#### Sunday, October 26th

Our famous Halloween Trick or Treat Ride!

Great for kids and adults

Wear a costume & ride from toy store to toy store trick or treating.

#### 8 miles in 4 hours

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#### Saturday, November 8th Tandem 101 Class

Learn to ride a tandem. Starts at 9:30 am at R+E Cycles \$25 per couple.

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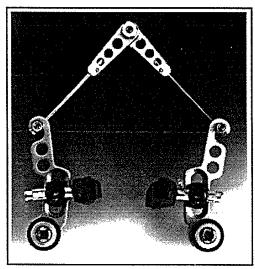
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### A NEW TANDEM BRAKE

Product Review by Jim Lupori

#### CONSUMER'S REVIEW

THE SCOTT SE 2000 BRAKE SYSTEM



The true test of any brake system is that it slows your bike when you're blazing down a huge hill, or it brings you to a sudden stop when a child bolts in front of you on the Burke Gilman Trail or, better yet, when you and your bike are soaking wet and those brakes still keep on gripping. Tandems intensify these challenges due to their greater weight and higher average speeds.

In the 6 years my wife and I have been riding tandems, finding an effective braking system has been difficult. We have used cantilever and V brake systems but have found them unable to meet the rigors of long tandem rides. These

systems work well on shorter rides, but by the end of an average 25 or 30 mile ride with a few hills these systems get, for lack of a better term, "mushy." No matter how hard the captain grips them, the brakes loose their stickiness and the tandem keeps on going.

Enter the Scott SE *2000* brake system. These brakes are a hybrid cantilever which lack the usual short cables and spring loaded cantilevers. Instead, the SE *2000's* utilize two solid bars linked by a spring loaded carrier. When you grip and release your brakes, the spring loaded carrier controls the brake pads. In addition, the cantilevers move forward against the wheel rims as you brake. As a result, the harder you grip, the more powerfully the brake pads contact the rims.

We have used the Scott SE 2000's for the last 1000 miles on our tandem. They have performed very well. Other than squeaking (which can be eliminated by periodic sanding of your brake pads) they have required little maintenance or adjusting. In fact, we only recently needed to tighten up the brake cables. You can't ask for better performance on hills. They consistently slow our bike effectively even at speeds approaching 50 miles per hour (do we really go that fast?). They lack the characteristic "mushiness" mentioned earlier. Even after relatively long rides the SE 2000's continue to grip well. They really have allowed us to stop when children have bolted in front of us on the BG trail. They have also worked well in rainy (cats & dogs) conditions.

Overall, we highly recommend the Scott SE 2000 brake system. -Jim & Virginia Lupori 9-16-97







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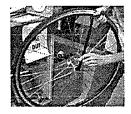
#### Revolutionary Tire Lever!

Everyone is asking us what the best new product that we found at the bike show was. Well, here it is. Speed Lever is the best \$7.99 you can spend! Must see to believe!



Inserts like a regular tire lever.

Then it telescopes down & uses the axle as a pivot!





Even the toughest tires are a breeze to remove!

Reinstalls just as easily! Just snap the lever on the rim.....





....And away you go!

Come on in to R+E Cycles! This one is worth a try!