

BASH GUARD BONANZA!



E.thirteen STS chain device

£110, Silverfish 01752 313253

↑ E.thirteen chain guides were everywhere in 2004 – the distinctive clear Makrolon outer bash guards and white graphics set them apart from the sea of MRP-style devices out there. Using an inner boomerang that fits regular or ISCG mounted frames, e.thirteen's STS (Street/Trail Security) device will keep everyone happy. It has inner guides that mount to the boomerang and a small jockey wheel at the bottom to make sure the chain wraps round the ring a bit more securely.

Designed for 32-36 tooth chainrings, the STS mates perfectly with a close-ratio road cassette out back for trouble-free riding. The device comes in pieces, much like a model kit, but it's easy to build and fit, and once sorted you can forget about it.

Unlike guides with twin plates, such as MRP units, the Makrolon plate slides easily over obstacles and doesn't get bent out of true – perfect for those who like to abuse their rigs! No doubt you'll have seen Aaron Chase abusing his e.thirteen device with huge sprocket grinds in his films... **Doddy**

MBUK Verdict

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The best street riding chain guide out there



Dangerboy Bash guard

£23, www.dangerboyusa.com

↑ The Dangerboy bash guard, which is machined from 6061-T6 alu alloy, is a massive 1/4in thick and is available in three of the most common bolt circle diameters (four-bolt 104mm, five-bolt 110mm and five-bolt 94mm). Dangerboy's logo is machined into the surface and gunmetal or black finishes are available. Our test guard was made for chainrings with 40 teeth but there are other versions: one for 34 teeth, one for trials and a model with an inner plate so the chain doesn't drift off the inside. All the guards are available with either a smooth or serrated edge.

Fitting the guard was easy and it shrugged off big rock hits, although it didn't look as good after we'd twatted it, but who cares? **Jamer**

MBUK Verdict

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Make your bike that little bit cooler and tougher



24seven SF Speedset

£195, www.24sevenbikes.com

← The Speedset is a complete chainset, comprising a chain device, a bash guard and chainring combo and a set of three-piece cranks with an MTB bottom bracket. The chain device works very well but there's one minor niggle – you have to cable tie the bottom half of the device onto the chainstay to stop it rotating.

The chainring/bash guard combo is 38-tooth only and the cranks are made to match. The hefty spline has a tight-tolerance fit, which means that you won't want to keep taking the cranks on and off, so make sure you get the fitting correct first time. The square-section arms are large and purposeful and have the 24seven logo etched into them. The BB is MTB-only so you won't be able to fit it to your BMX BB'd bike without some adapter cups.

We like the simple design, elegant looks and stealthy black finish. And for an extra £15, you can also get tool kit that includes all the bits you'll need to fit the Speedset. **Fin**

MBUK Verdict

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Good quality and value chainset in a fine colour