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## **Team Gates Carbon Drive: Bringing Belt Drive to Singlespeed Cyclocross**

Team Gates Carbon Drive launches into its second season with new super-fast carbon fiber Raleigh bikes, an expanded roster and its first female member, the legendary endurance racer Cristina Begy. Expectations are high for another dominant season following last year's first-place finishes in the Colorado Cross Cup team and individual singlespeed categories and podium at Singlespeed Cyclocross World Championships. The roster includes returnees Carlos Casali, Derek Strong, Mitch Westall, Brian Hutchison and Garrett Davis, as well as new members Chad Melis, Jesse Swift, Taylor Nye, Pete Thomson, Taylor Jung, Tim Lucking and Begy—winner of the Leadville 100, the 24-Hour World Championships and numerous other elite races.

The team goal is to grow the popularity of singlespeed CX racing, show the benefits of belt drive, and provide feedback for Gates R&D efforts. Stronger than a chain drive, Gates Carbon Drive provides a winning edge due to its low maintenance, strength and advanced mud shedding. Just hose it off, no greasy lube required. Watch the team compete this season in the Colorado Cross Cup, Boulder CX series and at the Singlespeed Cyclocross World Championships.



*Carbon Drive: It makes you fly*

## Team Bikes and Spec:

Feather-light and boldly colored, the team bikes are built around a Raleigh Hodala SSCXWC carbon fiber frame and feature Gates' new CenterTrack drive train, Easton wheels, and leading components from FSA and TRP. Team helmets are the Lazer Sphere with rain shield, and the skin suits are from Primal.

- Frame: Raleigh SSCXWC
- Drive: 118-tooth CenterTrack belt, 55-tooth 5-bolt front pulley, 24-tooth or 22-tooth rear pulley
- Stems/Bars/Cranks/Seatposts: FSA
- Brakes: EuroX cantilevers and RRL alloy levers from TRP
- Wheels: Easton EA90 SLX alloy
- Pedals: Crank Brothers Candy 3



## Team Gates Carbon Drive Roster

**Cristina Begy**, Boulder, CO

**Info:** 24-Hour World Champion, two-time 24-Hour National Champion, two-time Leadville 100 winner.

**Carlos Casali**, Golden, CO

**Info:** Born in Brazil, Casali was a hammer for Gates last season, taking 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2010 Colorado Cup individual singlespeed category.

**Garrett Davis**, Denver

**Info:** Davis raced the junior national mountain bike circuit as a teen and now competes for Primal-1<sup>st</sup>



Bank on the road. Top finishes include winning Frisco Cyclocross in 2010.

**Brian Hutchison, Nederland, CO**

**Info:** A veteran singlespeeder with numerous podium finishes, Hutch was Colorado's Best Singlespeed Cyclocross Rider in 2009 and Colorado Singlespeed State Champion in 2008.

**Taylor Jung, Denver**

**Info:** A Gates employee, Jung won a stage in the 2010 Steamboat Stage Race and took 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2009 Copper Criterium.

**Tim Lucking, Broomfield, CO**

**Info:** A marketing specialist for Gates, Lucking's top finishes include 1<sup>st</sup> in SS at the Dakota 50, podium finishes in the Leadville Silver Rush 50, and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in SS in the 2011 Rocky Mountain Endurance series.

**Chad Melis, Lyons, CO**

**Info:** Marketing director for Oskar Blues Brewery, Melis is a multi-discipline racer and beer drinker, 1983 BMX National and State Champion, 2007 SSCX State Champ.

**Taylor Nye, Denver**

**Info:** Numerous top-five finishes in 24-hour mountain events as a solo rider on a belt drive.

**Derek Strong, Arvada, CO**

**Info:** "Got my first mountain bike in 1990 and haven't looked back!"

**Jesse Swift, Golden, CO**

**Info:** Winner of the Voodoo Fire Half Marathon, B-32 in Breckenridge and Crankworx cross-country, Swift began racing in college and has competed in road, cyclocross, dual slalom, trials, Super D and endurance events.

**Pete Thompson, Detroit**

**Info:** Born in Northern Ireland, Pete now works for Gates in Michigan, where he was State SS Champ in 2010.

**Mitch Westall, Littleton, CO**

**Info:** Mitch represented at SSCXWC 2010, taking a 3<sup>rd</sup> to put Gates on the podium. Previous highlights include winning the semi-pro class of the Mountain States Cup in 2004.

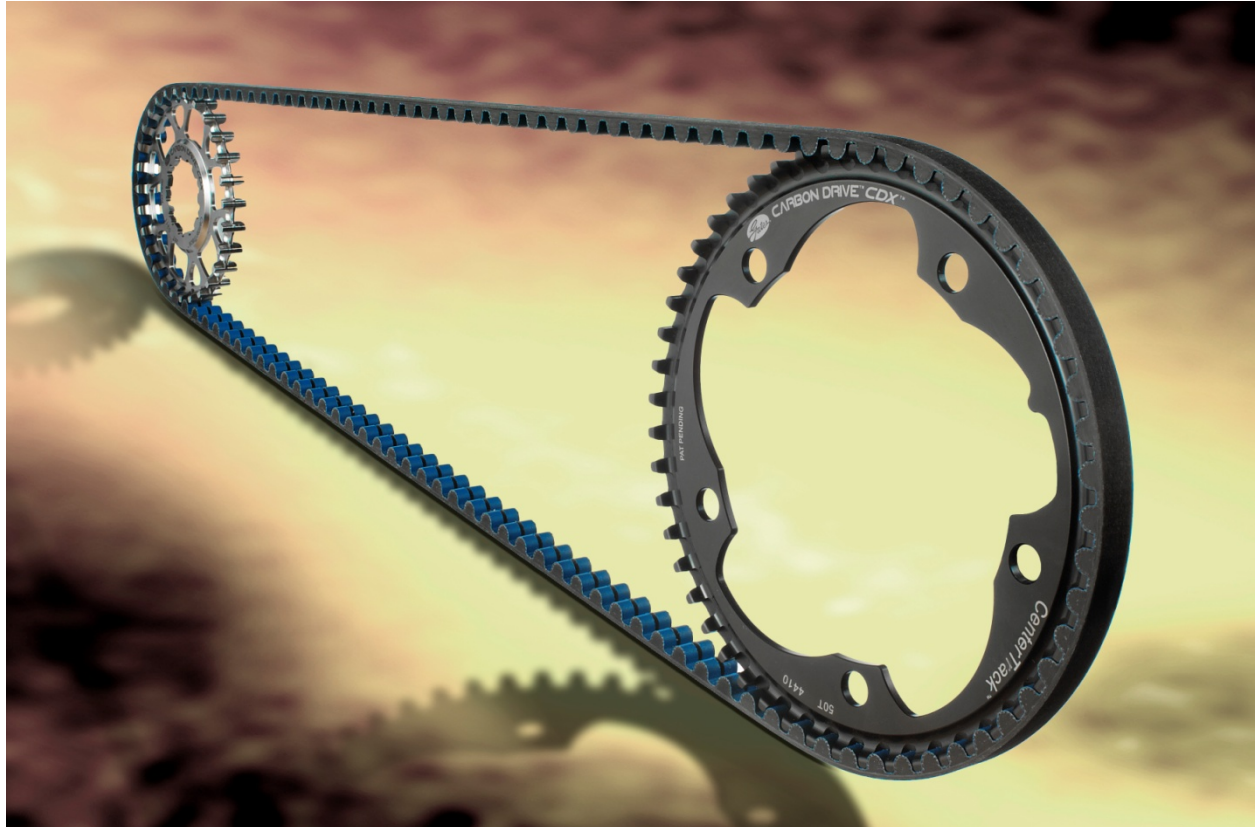


*CenterTrack drive on team bikes*

## CenterTrack: The New (Not So) Secret Weapon for Singlespeed Racing

In addition to being brand ambassadors, Team Gates Carbon Drive provides key product testing and feedback to Gates R&D engineers. This season the squad is running the new CenterTrack drive, CDX-CT, renowned for its cleanliness, strength and low maintenance:

- Strongest belt-drive system ever, 20 percent more tensile strength with less material.
- Cleanest belt drive ever: sheds dirt and mud like a bad habit.



*Gates Carbon Drive CenterTrack*

### Journalist Resources:

- Contact: Paul Tolme, 720.203.9430, [paul@trueoverdrive.com](mailto:paul@trueoverdrive.com)
- Photos of the team in action are on Flickr. Search for Team Gates Carbon Drive
- Watch videos of Carbon Drive in action at <http://www.youtube.com/GatesCarbonDrive>
- Check out the Carbon Drive blog to see who is riding and reviewing Carbon Drive bikes: [www.gatescarbondrive.com/blog](http://www.gatescarbondrive.com/blog)
- Photos and news releases at [www.gatescarbondrive.com/media](http://www.gatescarbondrive.com/media)

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