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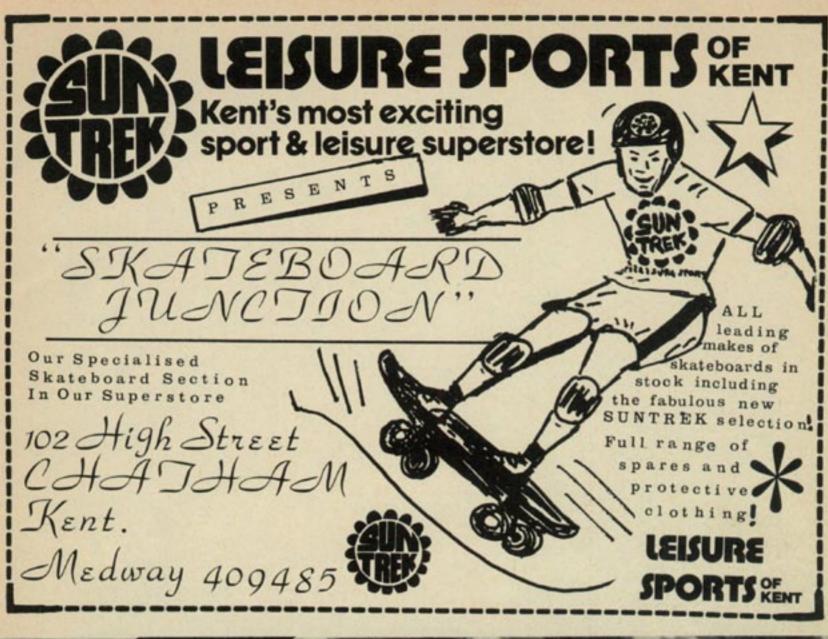
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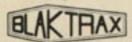


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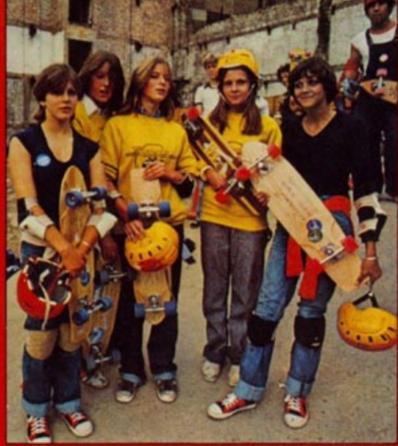
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### THIS MONTH

It is a fear of the UK skateboarding fraternity that, this Winter, the bubble will burst and the impetus of the world's fastest growing sport will slow down until Spring. I bring words of comfort for these worners! Judging by the signs I'm reading right now, that dismal skateboarding scenario couldn't be farther from the teath.

Day by day, our list of proposed skateparks grows larger and the projects themselves, more ambitious. In Bristol (see UK News) plans are afoot to create undreamed of concrete fantasies and all over the country, council officials and local businessmen are rising to the occasion, keen to meet the needs of hungry skateboarders. There was a time when the action centred solely in London and on the South Coast. Not any more! Parks look like they're going to pop up anywhere and everywhere.

But a word of warning. These much needed facilities could easily suffer at the hands of the foolish. There's a great deal more to building a park than at first meets the eye. The design of the banks and curves has to be good and the concrete surface needs to be particularly well finished to give the right amount of grip and smoothness.

And how about lighting for those early winter evenings and cover for when it's wet? A park that's only full at the weekends when the weather's fine is no good to anyone — least of all its owners. Over the last few years, California has had to learn from its mistakes, will we be making them all over again?

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it has to become a spectator sport. Onlookers generally feel that the number one exciting aspect is bowl-riding with its high speed thrills and radical riding. Yet little thought is ever given to shaping and sizing bowls for competition purposes. Come to that, rules for such events seem pretty well non-existant anyway!

The whole question of 'spectator-appeal' has been apallingly neglected ever since the sport began. I say we continue to sidestep the issue at our peril. Skateboard! magazine intends to study the whole business of competitions and rules and publish its findings in a future issue. Outside contributions will be most welcome.

Such has been the success of our Skata Data section (at least, judging by all the letters we've had in!) this month we've gone one step further to introduce the start of a three-part feature on understanding and maintaining your skateboard. I hope you'll find that it doesn't take a mechanical genius to learn the workings of bearings and trucks. Remember, a few hours simple checking and correcting can save pounds in the long run.

At long last, as you'll see when you read UK News, Britain now has its own National Skateboarding Association and I for one can think of no better way to celebrate the end of 1977.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Skateboard! team, may I offer the season's greetings to all our readers, . . have a good Christmas!

BRUCE SAWFORD Skateboard! Editor

#### **NEXT MONTH..**

Whoops - the do-it-yourself 'Padding up for Peanuts' feature has had to be switched to the next issue. Skateboard! magazine's new maintenance investigation and this time, the subject is trucks. All you never knew about kingpins, axles, rubber cushions, pivot cups and so on. Star Interview - another trip to the Californian sun and this time the victim at the business end of the microphone is none other than the Mad Dog himself, Tony Alva. Don't miss it!



### Out in about

#### Skateboard Associationa Vital Step Forward.

As of September 22nd last, British skateboarders now have their own official body, the Skateboard Association. The objectives are:

To promote and encourage skateboarding; to further the growth and development of skateboarding, including the formation of skateboard clubs and area associations; to establish a coaching system; to promote and advise on the provision of facilities and opportunities for skateboarding; to make the necessary arrangements for the promotion of skateboarding events and competitions at all levels and to be responsible for the rules for competition; to be the sole body responsible for the administration and control of the sport; to ensure that a code of safety is observed throughout the sport.

From these early beginnings, let's hope big things arise. Clubs and associations generally in sympathy with the above are invited to become members. For a club to be able to affiliate itself to the Association, it must have at least ten members, be properly constituted, and pay a fee of ten pence per member.

The Association aims to make itself felt decisively throughout the sport. On the practical side, the nuts and bolts of its policy fall to a temporary 18-man steering committee with members drawn from all over the country. Skateboard! magazine is represented here by our technical editor, Dave Goldsmith.

Already, guidelines on forming and running a skateboard club or area association have

Over from Germany for a flying visit, US Free Former stars, Ty Page and Brian Beardsley seem to have collected a fan or two at London's Skate City!



in Perkins

been drawn up and approved. These can be obtained for the price of a stamped and addressed envelope from their offices. And already too, suggestions have been put forward regarding possible financial assistance for the building of skateparks. This should become a reality sometime next year.

Skateboard! welcomes the arrival of the Skateboard
Association as a vital step forward in the continued growth and development of the sport in Great Britain . . . and the magazine is ready to assist in every way possible. For fuller details contact: The Skateboard Association, c/o 70 Brompton Road, London SW3 1EX.

Coming up soon, the new Universal film, Skateboard. This is one you just can't miss. There's hotties on board like Tony (Mad Dog) Alva, Ellen O'Neal, Richard Van Der Wyk, Steve Monahan and David Hyde — plus many other 'names'. The plot apparently revolves around a certain team named The Los Angeles Wheels — a bunch of ace riders, but let down by their bumbling manager. Should be good!

Having trouble getting sense out of your local council . . . then why not try tackling the problem the way John Jacobs did? Having seen skaters ejected from parks left, right and centre and also having been encouraged by dedication and enthusiasm, John led a deputation to the Enfield Council to hand in a 600 name petition — collected over the previous four days.

Not being satisfied with simply having had this accepted by the Clerk, he produced his trump card. Into the Town Hall marched the skaters, all padded-up and helmeted and prepared to educate the local leaders on their needs. A precedent was created when Mr Jacobs was allowed to address the Leisure and Amenities Committee on the problems as he saw them. and with the cameras of the Press snapping delightedly away, huge strides were obviously made in improving relations between council officials and skateboarders.

Thanks to Skate City skater Guy Wadsworth for letting us know about a proposed skateboarding ban on the pavements of Shoreham and Southwick in Sussex. And in Nottingham, parents are being told by road safety officer, Jim Street, "... unless



Above: This face looks familiar. Yes, its Tony Alva barely making contact and still totally in control. Below: Young Eric Dressen raising the crowd with some hot riding at Skateboard World in sunny California.



you know that a skateboard will be used on a properly prepared rink, do not put your child at risk by giving him (a skateboard) as a present". Which rink, Mr Street?

One for 'the skateboarder with everything' department. This Christmas why not buy him a board like the one sold by Re-Al Sports to a Persian customer — for £1,943! Desirable features include gold plating and diamonds for ball bearings. All he'll be short of then is 20-carat concrete to ride it on.

Are you taking care? Karl Bennetto of St. Austell in Cornwall had a lucky escape when practising in a local carpark. He was run right over, but received only bad bruising. This is the sort of statistic skateboarding needs less of. If you have to ride in public places, at least make sure they're safe.

### Skate Places

Wokingham

Plenty of good news for the future in this Christmas issue. Over first to Wokingham in Berkshire where John Woods, proprietor of a local sports shop, tells us of a most welcome turn of events. He is behind a scheme to build a large skate-park adjoining Wokingham Football Club and planning has now been accepted. He's hoping to include such concrete delicacies as an 80' tunnel, 3 bowls (the highest with a 15' bank), an 8-across freestyle area, full lighting and a ranch style hire shop. The whole project, costing around £60,000 and modelled indirectly on London's Skate City, should be fully operational at Easter.

#### Wirral and Bodmin

The Cheshire council at Wirral are looking at possible skate-park plans, largely as a result of the dicing with death they've noticed close to the new by-pass. Hold on skaters, salvation could be near. And in Bodmin, Cornwall, a park site has been proposed on wasteland behind the Priory Sports ground. The newly-formed Bodmin Skateboarding Club is starting fund raising to support the project. Can anyone help?

#### Watergate Bay

More news on the seemingly fated Cornish pleasure spot. The very same council who, for environmental reasons, put the clamps on Watergate Bay, has mooted plans for a bowl in St. Austell — despite a reputed Newquay summer population of up to 70,000. In an attempt not to be stifled by officialdom, private enterprise is planning at least 3 other skateparks in the area. Meanwhile, Watergate hangs on ... just.

Portsmouth and Hastings Jon Davies of the Solent Skateboarding Association tells Skateboard! that Portsmouth is virtually 100% sure of getting a skatepark - and soon. They have planning permission, money and a site (possibly by the existing rink on Southsea Common) and expect to see a slalom run, a freestyle area, a snake run and bowl and 'the elusive but desirable' half-pipe, built by next summer. And further around the South Coast, in Hastings, sports shop proprietor Dave Beedon is hoping to do something with an unusual pool area at White Rock to create an undercover arena for this well known resort.

#### Barry

John Foss reports that Councillor Jack George is conducting a lonely campaign to construct a skatepark to meet the needs of the Vale of Glamorgan. With a population count of over one and a half million, he sees the park as essential . . . especially as the police have now begun prosecuting street-borne skaters. He has plenty of opposition and needs all the support he can get to see the Vale Skateboard Park idea get off the ground.

#### Kettering

And if the above sounds good, then take a second look at the plans being set up by the officials of Wicksteed Park in Northamptonshire, A four acre plot has been set aside for the building of a concrete paradise, featuring a 60' by 50' learner's area, four pipes and bowls ranging from junior grade to lunatic, and a slalom area. For those not local, Wicksteed is an enormous 130 acre leisure park with facilities for just about everything you can imagine (including three trains to get visitors around!).

When this vision of the future finally materialises it may well prove to be the foremost skateboarding park in the land. Wicksteed in fact plans on holding both national and international skateboarding contests and with their 4,000 seater spectator accommodation (a consideration often neglected by others), there's no reason why they shouldn't soon be doing just that. Skateboard! magazine will be keeping a close eye on this one — stand by for further news.

#### Stalybridge

Already in operation is a park in the Indoor Sports Centre, Castle Street, Stalybridge, Manchester. Featuring a freestyle area and a bowl, this facility is unusual in that the surface is of asphalt, rather than plain old concrete. Although apparently this allows for safer skating in the wet, the drawback is that banks can't exceed 40 degrees. For the technically minded, with any greater angle the surface starts to 'creep' - or in other words, it slides slowly down hill! Admission to the Stalybridge park is 20p for 3 hours.

#### Scarborough

Get ready for Tony Hogan's Pure Fun Skate Park in Scarborough, Yorkshire, Plans have been accepted by the council and construction is pin-pointed to begin during November. Weather permitting, Tony believes it may be open for Christmas. More details coming soon.

#### Bristol

How about this piece of news from the Bristol Skateboard Centre? Local millionaire, Mr Critchley, has put on offer to them A COMPLETE ISLAND for the sole purpose of skateboarding. The island is Burnbeck - about a quarter of a mile out to sea off Westonsuper-Mare - and it apparently comes complete with its own currency and postage stamps! Mr Critchley wants to see Burnbeck become a world centre for the sport. The island's only hotel is being re-opened to offer the riders cheap accommodation and on paper, the whole thing sounds almost unbelievable. Skateboard will invesigate further!

Ashton Court is now becoming very popular as a downhill site in Bristol and rumour says "Nationwide" may use it as a regional centre for their UK competition. Finally, Bristol can now boast another skateboard shop — The Skateboard Centre has expanded into Park Street.



### Club & Team Check

Just formed in the Heston/ Hounslow part of Middlesex is the Black Bats club. Membership for the year is 20p, plus an additional 5p per meeting. Prospective bats should contact 'Butch' at 46 Heston Road, Heston, Middlesex. They also want to hear from other teams in the area.

Tony Hogan of the East Coast Skateboarding Association is getting into the skateboard spirit by entering his new Pure Fun team in local competitions. Both Tony and his side-kick, Pete Brittain would also be delighted to meet new faces. Contact them at 74, Columbus Ravine, Scarborough, Yorks.

Steve Daniel writes to tell us of the newly formed Plymouth and District Skateboarding Club. The main aims are to organise skateboarding in the area and to encourage the council to provide adequate facilities. The membership fee is £1.50 and for that you get a membership card, a club sticker, regular newsletters and a discount on

equipment. During October they held their first contest on Plymouth Ho! for free-style, slalom and flying enthusiasts, with top prize a Hobie flex board plus trophy. For more information contact secretary D. Brain c/o 7 The Parade, Barbican, Plymouth, Devon P11 2JL:

Thanks to Mark Davies for sending along the first newsletter of the Skateboarding Association of Wales. Though written some time ago, it still makes good reading. Less good is the news that Langland Bay car park (a popular Welsh skating area) is now officially closed to skateboarders. But there's a lot of good things happening too, so for full details contact, Paul Conibear, 39 Rotherslade Road, Langland, Swansea.

Mrs K. Bates of the Hang Ten Skateboard Club, 36 St. Catherines, Lincoln, Lincs LN5 8LY, writes to tell of a few changes. The Friday night meet has been switched from the City Sports Centre to 36 Portland Steet and, sadly, police have banned them from their usual skate spot. Come on Lincoln Council, how about a park!

Basingstoke now has its own skateboard club - contact Mr K. Dinneen at 23 Cheviot Close, Basingstoke, Hants.

The Bradford Skateboarding Club began in early September and within a month it had collected over 700 members. Run in conjunction with local paper, the Telegraph and Argos, it costs nothing to join. Three evenings a week they have use of a car park (floodlit) and at other times they use Peel Park. Contact Mrs. Ellis c/o The Skateboard Shop, 132 Bolton Lane, Bradford 7, Yorkshire. (Late news, indoor facilities have just been arranged at Parkside Sports Centre, Sunday mornings 10.30 to 12.00).

Moira Preen writes to say that new members are welcome at the *Thames Valley Skateboarding Club* (c/o 23 Welby Crescent, Winnersh, Berks).

Patrick Browne is attempting to form The Dartford Skate-boarding Club, but is hesitating now the council has withdrawn its offer of land for a park. In the meantime, interested riders should get together on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings — and Sunday afternoons — in Highfield Road, Dartford, Kent.

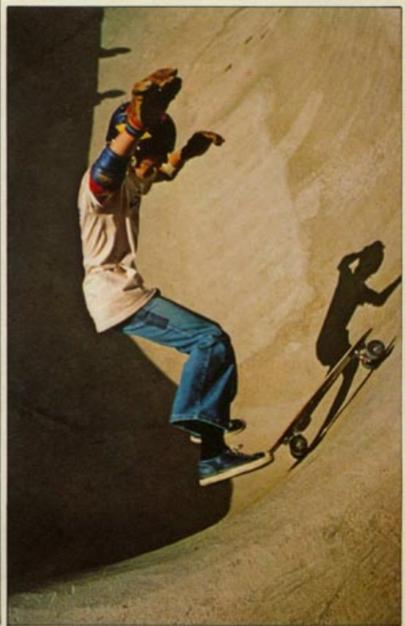
The Four Counties Skateboarding Club is now fully operational (incorporating Bucks, Berks, Middlesex and Surrey).

The cost is £2 per year and members receive a monthly news sheet, discounts in some shops, a membership card and hopefully soon, club insurance. Seventy people turned up at the first meeting and numbers arer rising fast. Contact David Hemmins at 26 Salthill Mansions, Bath Road, Slough, SL1 3XN.

In deepest Cornwall, The Graham Nile Skateboarding Club has just opened and already there's over 100 members. The cost is 50p to join and in return, skaters get four newsletters a year, a club card, a club badge, entrance to film shows at reduced rates plus the chance of entering club competitions. As a temporary site, riders are skating in the John Keay House car park in St. Austell. A proper park is promised soon. Contact Graham Nile c/o Ocean Magic Surfing Products, 7 Duke Street, St. Austell, Comwall.

Write to Pam Binley at Glebe House, Cranford, nr. Kettering, Northants if you'd like to join the Kettering Scat Kats Skateboarding Club. The





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cost is a modest £1 a year membership and apparently 250 people did just that at the first meeting. There'll be the usual membership card plus a monthly newsletter, club competitions and trips to visit other clubs and skate parks. For these lucky riders, the Wicksteed Skateboard Park looms close (see Skate Places).

#### Insurancethe facts

The occasional accident is an unfortunate and painful fact of life for skateboarders, no matter how good they are. In the United States, for instance, skateboard injuries are running at about 200,000 a year and appear to be doubling every twelve months or so. And those are not just bumps and scratches either! With new skate parks opening up the length and breadth of the country, many skateboarders are attempting more ambitious stunts - with a resulting increase in broken arms and legs, injured backs and serious concussions.

Although injuries in Britain are not nearly so numerous as in the U.S., they still occur often enough to cause concern. No matter how careful you are and how much protective gear you wear, the chances are that you are going to come a cropper sometime in your skateboarding career. Which has prompted many readers to write in enquiring about insurance covering skateboarding accidents.

The question of insurance doesn't arise if you use a commercial skate park. In America, the cost of personal injury insurance is included in the admission price. If you take a tumble, all you have to do is present yourself to the park office and show that you really were injured within the confines of the park itself. (In the past there have been cases of kids falling off their bikes and later palming themselves off as injured skateboarders.) Once that's settled, the park management does the rest and eventually you wind up with all your hospital bills paid plus some compensation.

It's more or less the same for skate parks in this country . . . the price of the ticket ensures your insurance. The complications set in once you get out of the

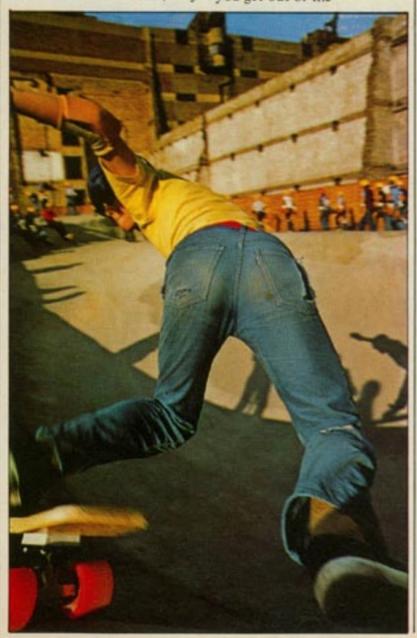
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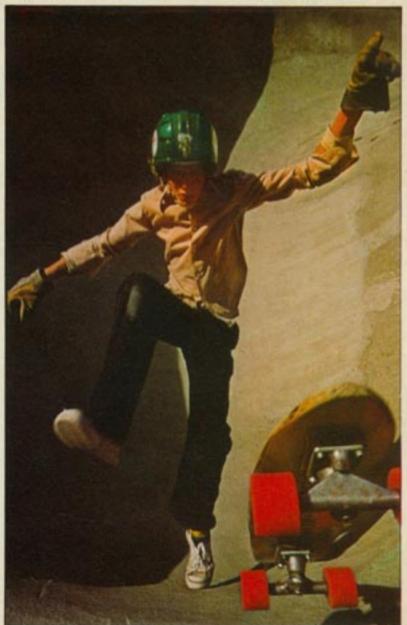
Unfortunately, skateboard riders are not able to insure themselves solely against accidents incurred while riding a board. The reason is obvious; if such a policy was a vailable, insurance companies would be inundated with floods of injured youngsters all claiming to have fallen off a skateboard. Whether or not they actually had would be impossible to prove. So unfortunately the only means of covering yourself against skateboard injuries is to take out a general accident insurance policy - and they are usually pretty expensive. Still, if you're into skateboarding in a big way, you may consider it worth looking into the pros and cons of such a policy. Any recognised insurance firm will be only too glad to help.

The other point which is causing concern to many readers is the question of coverage if you knock down and injure someone else . . . a sort of skateboard third party policy. Such policies — which apply not just to skateboards but will cover you for all accidents involving another person — are

available and are called personal legal liability policies. Again, any legitimate firm will be able to help. However, before you go rushing off to sign up, check with the home-owner in your family. Many home policies cover not just the building and its contents but also the personal legal liability of the home-owner and his or her family. In other words, the insurance policy which protects your house may also protect you from having to pay out large sums in damages to that little old lady you happened to knock down in the street.

Hurting yourself is as easy as falling off a skateboard! Land badly and you could find yourself in trouble. Is it worth insuring yourself against accidents? From left to right: On the way down. Beware the flying 'board it often has a mind of its own. A simple tail slip here should be no bother. This looks like a real nose-dive. Try at all costs to avoid falling heavily on the wrists. Hey. . . come back! When tipping backwards, try to spin your body round a little before hitting the floor.





# MECHANICS & MAINTENANCE

Introducing a 3-Part Feature On Understanding, Maintaining And Customising Skateboard Equipment. This Month...

## SEALED BEARINGS

"This wheel has sealed bearings." That's something you've probably heard many times across the shop counter. It sounds good at the time and, yes, they are better than open bearings. But there's a lot more to the subject than that. There are as many different types of sealed bearings as there are shapes, sizes and colours of urethane.

Next time you get offered sealed bearings probe more deeply. If your eyesight can take the strain grab a quick look at the side of the bearing. If it boasts a manufacturer's name and the number 608 you're on to a good thing because that bearing has been made to a high degree of percision, 608 is simply the model size of a standard skateboard bearing. Bearings without this magic number may be the same size, but as for the quality. . . well don't expect the earth.

A 608 sealed bearing looks something like the ones in the photo. A skateboard wheel normally has two such bearings with a 'spacer' separating them. Each bearing consists of a number of steel balls selected for exact matching size and encased in a circular 'cage'. This component allows the outer ring of the bearing (which tightly hugs the inside of the wheel) to spin around a 'track' machined out of the inner ring. This inner ring is in contact with the truck and is locked to it by the nuts at the end of the axle.

Altogether there are four varieties of 608 bearings — single-sided or double-sided with either neoprene or metal seals. Single-sided bearings, as their name implies, have a seal on one side only with the

working parts exposed on the other. Don't be fooled by single-sided bearings. When two are inserted into a wheel their appearance is outwardly the same as double-sided bearings. This is because the open sides are made to face each other inside the wheel. There are advantages and disadvantages. A single-sided bearing loses its lubricant through its open side. However, it can be cleaned and lubricated more easily than a double-sided bearing.

Neoprene seals or metal seals? This is a hotly disputed subject and, unfortunately, there is just no snap answer. Double-sided neoprene sealed bearings are a good bet for keeping out dirt and water essential if you're an allweather 'go-anywhere' skater! The neoprene fits very tightly and the bearing is packed with plenty of grease. Both these factors normally ensure a good and long life. However, these very factors also create a slight, inherent drag on the motion of the wheel. The effect doesn't amount to a lot, but if you're an out and out speedster, probably a high quality metal sealed bearing will be more to your liking.

Metal sealed bearings are often beautifully constructed and very fast once they've been through the initial wearing-in period. They are often made to high levels of precision to keep turning resistance down to an absolute minimum. They can also be very expensive. And the quality of available metal sealed bearings varies considerably. You'll often find rather poor examples of this type of bearing in wheels selling for between £2 and £3. They'll be slow and will probably not last too long. But, then again, they present

fewer maintenance hassles than do loose (or open) bearings and of course they can always be replaced with something better later on. If you have what you suspect to be cheap bearings, be careful to keep them dry and clean.

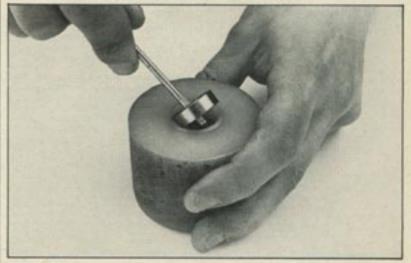
There's no real point in trying to recommend particular brands. The bearing manufacturers - IKS, NSK, Hoover, Koyo and SKF to name but a few - all make a wide range of bearings, differing wildly in quality and type. Anyway, early on in the game, you are unlikely to have much say in the matter. Many skateboard wheels are available in shops only with a tied brand of bearing. Some discerning shops are thankfully beginning to buy their wheels and bearings separately, however, so you may be lucky enough to have a choice.

I finish on a happy note. Thanks to the boom in demand for 608 bearings, the manufacturers are happy (ie, prosperous) men. They're so delighted in fact that they are starting to look at the possibility of producing specialist skateboard bearings. After all, the 608 was never designed to operate up and down kerbs and through slalom gates! As a representative from SKF (who make a fifth of the world's bearings) said recently:

"We are very interested in the skateboard industry – not so much in the short term as in the long term and we are at this moment switching on our bearing technology to cater for this."

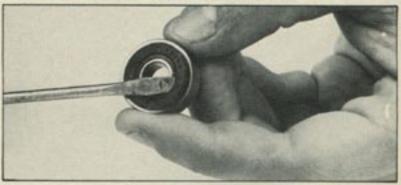
#### Maintenance of sealed bearings

You can minimise the servicing needed on any type of bearing by not using it in the wet. Even so, it's good to at times remove the bearings from your wheels and wipe them with a clean cloth. This is particularly necessary with neoprene-sealed bearings which 'bleed' grease for some time after first being used. This makes them attract lots of dirt and grit.

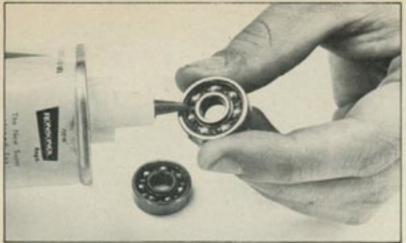


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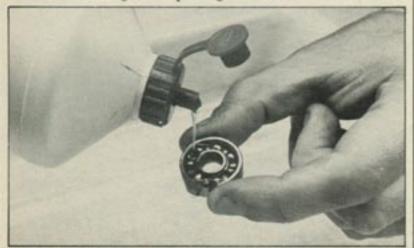
 Remove the wheels and lever each bearing out of its socket with a small screwdriver. Wipe away any grease and dirt that you can see on the outside of the bearings.



2. Remove one seal from each bearing (not necessary with the single-sided variety). With a neoprene-sealed bearing, use the fine screwdriver and prise the seal open at the point shown in the photo. Take care not to damage the seal. Metal seals are more difficult to take off and sometimes impossible to relocate. Some seals are fixed permanently and cannot be removed without causing damage to the inside of the bearing. If you have metal seal, double-sided bearings think twice before opening them up. Ask yourself whether you think it absolutely necessary. If you decide it is, then you may have to face the fact that the bearings will become single-sided once you have removed the seals.



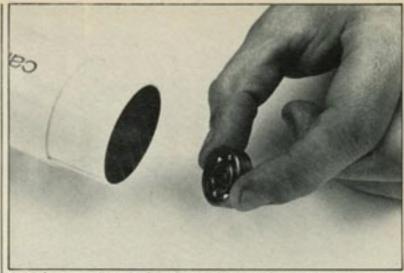
 Once the inside of the bearing has been exposed, pour some lighter fuel or paraffin into it to dissolve the grease.
 Hold the inner ring while spinning the outer.



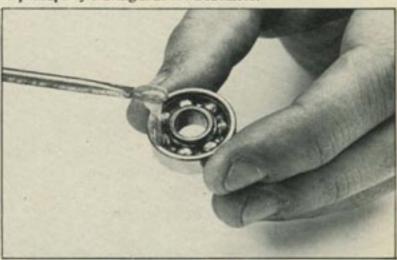
4. Squirt a little detergent into the bearing.



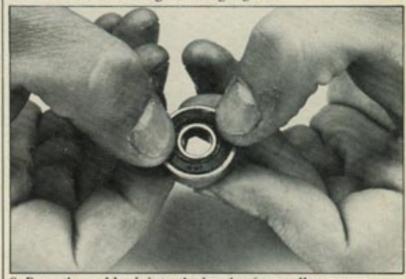
5. Rinse in water and spin the bearing.



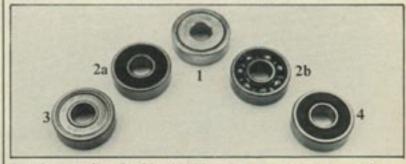
6. Make sure that the bearing is thoroughly dried. First use a 'non-dusty' dry rag, then complete the job with a hair dryer or perhaps by leaving it above a radiator.



7. Lubricate the bearing with a light grease.



Press the seal back into the bearing (generally neoprene type only).



1. A low quality double-sided bearing. The inner ring and seal are combined. The steel balls are not contained in a cage. 2a. A single-sided neoprene-sealed bearing. 2b. From the other side: this side faces the inside of the wheel. The "cage" between the inner and outer rings holds the steel balls. 3. A high quality double-sided metal-sealed bearing. 4. A double-sided neoprene-sealed bearing.

Next month, Skateboard! discusses understanding and maintaining your trucks.

## SKATEBOARD'S OUTRAGEOUS CHRISTMAS COMPETITION!

Feeling bored with the usual sort of competitions?? Okay, here's something a little different.

Listed below are six tricky situations which a skateboarding friend of ours found himself in. What we want you to do is decide for each manoeuvre, how many wheels were left on the ground. When you've made up your mind, add the numbers all together and simply write down the total on a postcard only please and mail immediately to: Skateboard! Christmas Competition, 14 Rathbone Place, London W1P 1DE.

- a) He's doing a one foot reverse nose wheelie
- b) He's putting in a handful of front-side 360s on the bank
- c) He's catting with a friend down the speed run
- d) He's over the lip and airborne
- e) Now he's switched to a snake daffy
- f) Finally, he's up on the tiles with three out

#### Remember

- Don't forget to include your name and address (written clearly, please)
- 2. The closing date is January 1st, 1978.
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Senders of the first 50 correct cards will all receive an autographed copy of the Carvel's great new single, LA Run (courtesy of Creole Records).

#### Standby for the results in Skateboard! magazine No. 6



Guy Wadsworth duckshooting at Brands Hatch. An unusual speed-riding position

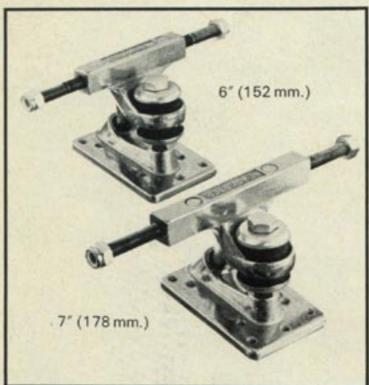
- very fast he assures us. And left, Skate fanatic, Marc Sinclair, riding into the dawn.



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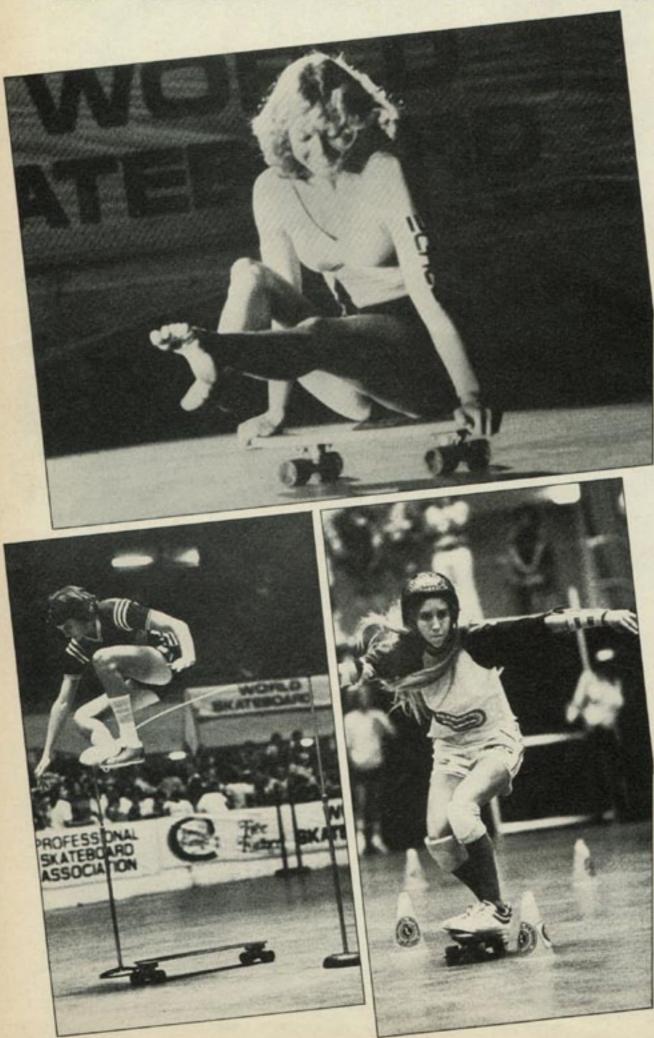
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## 1977 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

# PHOTO FILE



Never before had the world seen such an array of skate-board talent assembled in one place. The atmosphere at the Long Beach Arena was electric and so too was much of the skating. Skateboard! asked some of the stars for their impressions of the event and we begin, naturally enough, with Britain's champion, Tim Levis.

#### TIM LEVIS

"Tve learnt more about slalom in one day than in months previously. I've never started on a ramp like that before — but it's just like coming down a bowl. I've never seen anything like this before — there are so many good skaters it's fantastic. Once I picked up the technique to get a good start, I was only 5/10th of a second behind the top racer."

#### STACY PERALTA:

"It's the best run contest ever, and it's real scarey. The best skateboarders in the world are here, and they're all out to win. Between first place and tenth there will only be a hairbreadth of difference in skill. The new tricks that came out at the pre-contest riders' meeting, when everybody had to demonstrate their tricks for the judges were a revelation, everybody's been keeping them real quiet. This contest has been on everyone's mind for months - people here are in pain with worry."

Top: The lovely Ellen
Berryman retracting
smoothly from a rock-steady
L-sit and switching to a handstand vargas — and victory in
the women's freestyle. Left:
Free Former man, Brian
Beardsley, getting hooked on
his one and only flying
attempt at 5'1". Right: A
very determined Laura
Thornhill rounding the cones
in a heat of the ladies slalom.

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#### ELLEN BERRYMAN:

"Some people say gymnastic tricks like mine aren't really skateboarding. Some judges prefer footwork tricks. I always skate in barefeet — if shoes are compulsory I don't enter. I get very nervous in competitions — I have to shut the crowd out of my mind, especially all the whistling from the guys. It's important to our sponsors that we win."

#### TONY ALVA:

"The high ramp is kinda kinked out, it should be a lot smoother. It just goes straight up and down. We were offered 200 dollars by Freeformer if we could get to the top of it. I could get 12 to 15 feet up it, (it's 20 feet high) but it's too straight up and down to get higher. If it were sloped like a bank's supposed to be, I could get to the top. They wouldn't let me compete in the freestyle event here for political reasons. Last year I got second place. Chris Chaput isn't here either - and he took first!

#### RUSS HOWELL:

"I'm comparing the event this year. This one's really running smoothly so far - but wait till they hand out the cheques - then you're going to hear some complaining! But it's very well organised, the timing lights, the read out digital clocks for slalom, the new scoring system, the choreography being a mandatory item in the freestyle, and everything on a points list being evaluated prior to the actual performances. It doesn't leave much room for complaint. You've not only got an individual skater out there, you've got an entire corporation backing him. There's a lot of pressure to gain advertising advantages it's incredible. We've had problems in the past with unfair judging, bias - this year they've done their best to establish fair judging and a set of rules that leaves no doubts.

"You can't have a compulsory routine in freestyle, because it might favour one system over another. So we have certain categories of manoeuvers — wheelbalancing, inverted tricks. Some tricks you'll see here only one person in the world can do — have everyone doing the same routine and it



# SKATA DATA

# Budget Boards Check Out

Many well-meaning parents will undoubtedly be shopping around for budget price skateboards this Christmas. They should take care! There are very many skateboards on the market below the £20 price level and some, without doubt, represent excellent value for money. Others, however, fall some way short of what Skateboard! considers to be an acceptable standard.

We approached the manufacturers and/or distributors of ten of the most popular budget priced boards available and borrowed standard production models for testing. Though by no means entirely covering the full range of equipment available for between £14 and £20 (the price range chosen by us to indicate budget price boards) they do, however, represent a good selection. Most are widely distributed throughout the country and you should in general have no difficult in finding at least some of them in shops.

Decks - What Length?

The ideal, average length for a skateboard deck is between 27" and 30". Unfortunately, it's well neigh impossible to find complete, budget price skateboards in these lengths - normally they come out around 24". Longer versions would require more complicated manufacturing processes which would in turn add considerably to the cost, Boards under 23" may be suitable for 11 year olds, but they'll almost certainly be too short for anybody much older. All the decks we tested were 23" to 24" except the Sitco which was

Decks — What Material?
Polypropylene is used
extensively in budget price
boards because it's tough and
also cheap. Fibreglass decks
provide a more lively, springy
feeling and are also very
strong. All decks tested were
manufactured from
polypropylene except the
Beadle, Skuda and Red Devil

which were fibreglass. We found all the decks could easily support a normal adult's weight except the Beadle. This was an exceptionally pliable board which the manufacturer himself admitted would not effectively support anyone over 9 stone.

Kicktails - are they necessary? Kicktails are by no means essential on a skateboard almost all manoeuvres can be performed without them. However, a shallow kicktail can be useful in carrying out certain tricks, for example, 360s and kick turns. We were rather concerned over the fact that half the decks (Cobra King, Sunset, Beadle, Sitco and Skuda) had very acute angles of kicktail (see photo). Such exaggeration could be considered an adverse factor in learning to skateboard. The kicktails on these five models were so steep, it was difficult to find a comfortable position for the rear foot.

The remaining decks had

rather less elevated kicktails. The Red Devil had none at all (although a kicktail model will, we're told, be available soon). The Fordham Mustang differs from the rest in having a small, one inch ridge at the tail.

Wheels — Width and Diameter Most of the boards examined had wheels containing loose bearings. Such bearings are generally felt to work more effectively in combination with narrow wheels than with large, wide wheels. Many of the boards had fairly wide wheels. This was felt to be more a fashionable whim than a necessity. Diameter also has a part to play. Wheels measuring 50mm or more are recommended for speed.

Bearings

'Cup and cone' type bearings are the most common. Here the wheel is fitted with two cups in its hub and two cones on the inside and outside of the wheel to hold the loose ball bearings in place. These bearings, though normally noisy, are fast when maintained properly. They can, however, wear rapidly, especially when dirty, and this may lead to wheelwobble, or worse, the balls falling out. A better alternative, which reduces maintenance and other

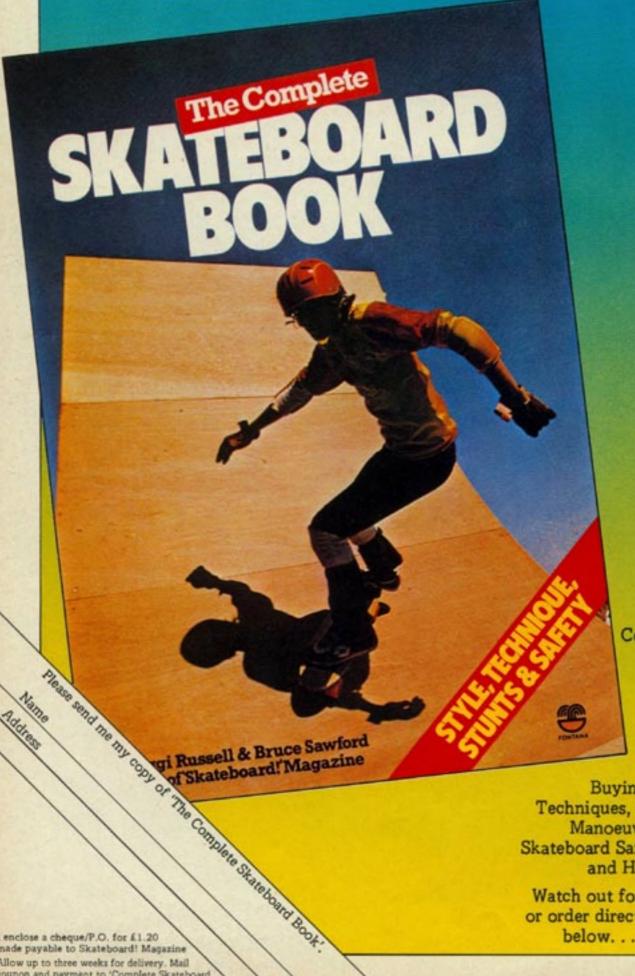
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MORRIS VULCAN LOTUS	Polypro- pylene	589mm (23")	57mm	47mm	loose	Bolt	102mm (4")	Non- Standard	Screwed	£14,50	6	5
NEWPORTER SPRINT	Polypro- pylene	602mm (23½")	54mm	50mm	semi- sealed	Fixed	154mm (6")	Standard	Screwed	£17.50	6	8
SITCO ROCKET	Polypeo- pylene	563mm (22")	50mm	49mm	Loose	Fixed	118mm (4.6")	Standard	Bolted	£16.00	9	7
FRISBEE RED DEVIL	Fibre- glass	602mm (23½")	49mm	38mm	*Loose	Fixed	118mm (4.6")	Standard	Bolted	£16.50	4	6
BEADLE KICKTAIL	Fibre- glass	614mm (24")	51mm	48mm	Semi- Sealed	Fixed	141mm (5.5")	Non- Standard	Riveted	£20.00	6	,
COBRA KING C2	Polypro- pylene	589mm (23")	50mm	50mm	Loose	Fixed	115mm (4.5")	Standard	Screwed	£16.00	6	5
SKUDA 2K	Fibre- glass	589mm (23°)	56mm	47mm	Semi- Scaled	Fixed	115mm (4.5")	Standard	Bolted	£16.00	6	6
GRENTEC COYOTE	Polypro- pylene	614mm (24")	58mm	52mm	Loose	Fixed	122mm (4.75°)	Standard	Screwed	£15.00	8	8
SURE CRAFT SUNSET	Polypro- pylene	589mm (23")	46mm	44mm	Loose	Belt	118mm (4.6**)	Standard	Screwed	£16.00	8	7
FORDHAM-MUSTANG	Poly -o- pylene	602mm (23%")	51mm	56mm	*Loose	Fixed	109mm (4.25")	Standard	Screwed	£17.50	6	7

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# SKATE LINE

#### TOO OLD TO WHEELIE?

First of all, an excellent magazine, enjoyable from cover to cover. I am writing because I would relish some reassurance from somebody who is at the hub of the sport and knows what they are

talking about.

I started skateboarding way back in the sixties when skateboards were no more than elongated roller skates. It was great, but somewhat limited. Now, in 1977, I'm still very interested in skateboarding, but unfortunately, I'm now a 26 year old married man with a family, and I feel very self-conscious getting on my board. When you visit the well known sites and see 12 to 16 year-olds performing so expertly, the ego gets drastically deflated. Couldn't somewhere like Skate City set aside an afternoon for the "old folks" to practice? Then we wouldn't have to suffer the scornful stares of the expert young as they perform nose wheelies past that "doddering old amateur"

As it is at the moment, other than the most extrovert senior skaters, we have to practice in the dead of night, or in the privacy of our own homes, both rather dangerous. I may even be forced to resort to the old paper bag over the head trick in the hope that the locals won't recognise me and point out to their friends "That man down the road with a family to support who refuses to grow up"!

L. Ruocco, Guildford, Surrey,

We assure you, Mr. Ruocco, that there are many of us over-twenties who refuse to lie down. Russ Howell, known in the USA as "The Old Man of Skateboarding' is another 26 year old, who can still do more consecutive 360s than anyone else. Windcraft of Bristol have their own "Old Fools" team, and one old guy in Switzerland is still skating in his seventies! You could always try putting those urethanes under a wheelchair ...Ed.

A HARROWING TALE...

Congratualations on the production of your excellent magazine . . . just a few points. Firstly, quite a lot of boarders (me included) can not affort £17 for 29" of oak with "Bruce Logan Earth Ski" written on it. How about some tips as to how to make decks? Secondly, in your August edition you mentioned talks of a Harrow skatepark. What has become of this idea? Most of us meet in one of the Civic Centre carparks, and we've made a couple of decent wooden

Howabout turning the spotlight on some of the local kids who may not be as spectacular as the Marc Sinclairs and John Sabloskys of this world, but are just as

interesting?

Why not go on location and meet some of us, because without us you would not have a magazine! (Ha ha, blackmail!)

Simon Phillips, Harrow-onthe-Hill, Middx.

Keep on at Harrow Council until you get your park. We are indeed planning to get around the country to meet you all in the near future. . . Ed.

#### SKATE LINGO.

I think your magazine is the best of all the UK produced leaflets, magazines and newspapers. I find the "Skate News" and "Skata Data" articles the most enjoyable, but the "Who's Hot?" feature depresses me somewhat, with it's elbow stands, 10ft long jumps and one foot 720s. At present, these are tricks I only dream about.

My biggest criticism is of the incredibly trendy, hip, California style language. Now, I know skateboarding originated in the States, but I think importing the lingo along with the equipment is a bit much.

I have a question — where did the adverb "to be stoked" come from? I know there are Stoker wheels, but I can't think of a connection, Ali Stride, Exeter, Devon.

"Stoked" is a surfing expression — like most of skateboarding jargon. We think it's great for skaters to have a universal language of their own — there's no reason why the British shouldn't add to it. Any ideas? Ed.

#### EASTERN PROMISE?

I have just finished reading your mag - really fantasmagorical that's all I can say! The articles on equipment are really good for us here on the east coast as we can't get hold of the yank hardware. Except for one small piece on Norwich you haven't mentioned the east coast much, so please print this to put us on the map. Anybody in the Lowestoft/Yarmouth area should come down to the carpark near Victoris Road traffic lights any weekend, as it's packed with local skaters.

I would also like to make a nomination for the Skateboarders of Britain Motto, seen recently in an American publication.

"You may think you are but we know we are". The Wizard of Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Any other motto suggestions?

#### OUTLAW BLUES REVISITED...

Seems to me Rod Holmes in his letter last month hit on some pretty important points. Like him, I started skating several years ago, about the same time I first headed down to the south coast to try out some surfing. I was impressed by the freedom and lack of commercialism surrounding both and soon acquired a Hammacowheeled board. Today, although by no means a great/radical or above average skater, I've moved onto a Benji, Gullwing, OJ set-up. But where has all the soul

gone? Seems skating's rapidly becoming pre-packed and hideously commercial. Whilst it's fun to try out purpose built parks, the really radical moves still come on the roads and paths where you don't know what's around the next bend. By all means push safety and competitions but don't expect us all to join in, some of us prefer the scene that still surrounds surfing in this country. Otherwise an interesting mag. P. I. Kinnig, Holsworthy, Devon.

We're into freedom too, Mr.
Kinnig, that's why we don't
recommend skating paths
"where you don't know
what's around the bend".
Just one accident, and how
long do you think it'll be
before the SKATEBOARDING FORBIDDEN
signs go up? Why blow it
for everybody else? Ed,

## IN SHORT

Recently when I was out on my board, tired of shooting down the same ol' hill, I decided to see how many "tic-tacs" I could do. First my record was 52, then 102, and now it stands at 281. Any advances? Chris Webb, London, N.5.

My 15 year old son, Steve, was the winner of the Yorkshire v Lancashire speed competition held in Morecambe in September. He was riding a Henry Hester cutaway deck, soft Kryptonics with open bearings and full Tracker trucks. His speed was 14.1 seconds over 100 metres. He was presented with a cup by Richard Dunne, the boxer. All Steve's spare time is devoted to helping his dad design and make decks. Our latest project is a 3' 6" speed deck for the Leeds Centresport Team. Brian Binks, Leeds.

Robert Vente

## SKATA DATA

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problems, is a contained or semi-sealed bearing. We found these on the Newporter, Beadle, Skuda and Fordham-Mustang.

Trucks - Axle width As explained earlier, all boards in this budget price bracket tend to be on the short side. This factor, coupled with a narrow truck, can make for a rather unstable combination, A wider truck inevitably provides more stability. The narrowest trucks we found were fitted on the Lotus (4"), Fordham-Mustang (4½") and Skuda (4½"). The widest trucks were found on the Newporter (6") and Beadle (51/2").

Trucks - Axle type Two types of axle fitting were found. The most common (and superior) type is an axle fixed permanently in the voke of the truck with nuts at either end. The other is a long bolt with a nut at one end. This type proves to be a nuisance when it is necessary to remove the wheel at the 'wrong' end since the opposite wheel and axle have to be extracted first. To unscrew the nut also requires the use of two socket wrenches. We found this bolt type of axle on the Sunset and the Lotus.

The diameter of the axle is also an important point to consider. A narrow diameter axle, which we found on the Beadle and Lotus, will only take a non-standard wheel. If you feel you may later want to upgrade the skateboard by changing to superior wheels, make sure that the truck you buy has a standard 5/16" axle.

Trucks — removable?
It may sometimes by necessary to remove the trucks from your deck and therefore the ease with which this can be done is important. All trucks were removable except those of the Beadle which were riveted. Some were screwed on to the deck and some were bolted (see the table). It is normally

thought best to attach the trucks with bolts.

#### Lock Nuts

It is very important that a skateboard be fitted with a lock nut at each end of the axle to prevent wheels from working loose during skating. All the boards we looked at used either lock nuts or a normal nut with a 'star' washer behind, Most feel it is best to use nuts containing a nylon locking ring. They are more convenient to use.

#### Instructions

We were surprised to find that several of the boards came entirely without operating and mintenance instructions. Hats off to the Red Devil, Fordham-Mustang and Sitco manufacturers who all included stickers offering this necessary information.

Guarantees and Service It is obvious that skateboards will be sold in all kinds of places this Christmas, If a skateboard is used long enough it's bound to require servicing at some stage. It may even prove to be defective and require replacement, Skateboard! suggests that you only buy equipment from retailers who can, if necessary, provide replacement parts at a later date. Many boards are being imported from distant lands apparently without regard to the question of replacement parts. Others, such as the Grentec Coyote, are being sold with an excellent guarantee.

Best Buys

Out of the ten skateboards examined, there were none that could not be faulted in some respects. In our table we have given a 'Skateboard! Rating' to each board and, as you can see, the Grentec Coyote and the Newporter Sprint come out ahead of the field. The Sure Craft Sunset, Sitco Rocket and Fordham-Mustang are also recommened as good value for money.

Skateboard! Magazine wishes to point out that the conclusions drawn here are the result of our acrutinising one example only of each model. Obviously, variations will occur in the manufacture process. We have tried to be impartial, but we cannot make allowance for individual taste and requirements. Don't just take our word for it... whereever possible check equipment personally.

# Techno Talk

I have made a deck out of oak taken from an old school desk and have found the deck too slippery. Could you fill me in on the types of grip tape available and where I can get them? B. Allen, Newtonabbey, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland.

Grip tape is almost entirely made by one company, 3M. The name of the product is 'Safety Walk' and it comes in several different versions. Avoid the type with a rubbery surface - in wet conditions it is ineffective. Aim for 'General Purpose' Safety Walk which is selfadhesive and has an abrasive surface. It comes in different widths, four inch being the best if you want a generous covering, or one inch if you want to economise. Colours available are green and black. If your local stockist doesn't have it, try a marine supplier, as it is widely used on boats. The best way to cut grip tape is with a pair of tin snips (heavy duty scissors).

Will it be possible to get cheaper equipment in the future? Grant Read, Derby.

That's certainly a \$64,000 question, and \$64,000 questions never seem to get any cheaper! In fact equipment has been coming down in price generally, partly through increasing competition amongst importers of American equipment, As for budget equipment, the mass import of boards manufactured in the Far East has helped reduce the price level of polypropylene boards, etc. American equipment is now selling over here only a small

American prices and is unlikely to drop further. One development has been the number of manufacturers in Britain producing imitations of popular American trucks and wheels. These are bound to be cheaper and if you're prepared to skate on the less well-known names, you can certainly economise here. However, don't always expect the performance to be up to that of the original!

After 4 weeks of general use, the metal spine of my Vulcan board snapped in two. I think it may have been my weight (8 stone). Also, could you tell me if the following combination is easy to assemble and would give traction (grip), speed and sturdiness. Magician Double Kicktail Deck (24"), Road Rider No. 6 wheels and California Slalom 7" trucks. Kieran Brogan, Lisburn, Co.Antrim, N. Ireland.

Dealing with the first point, I have to say that I'm a little mystified as to exacly what you mean by 'snapped spine'. In general, I certainly don't think any breakage should occur as a result of an eight stone rider. Perhaps you should enquire at the shop where you bought the equipment, Secondly, two problems. The Magician deck is now discontinued, and I doubt you'll be able to locate one now. The other point is that, for the width of truck (7") deckwise you could really do with something a little longer - say 27/28" You'll find a wide range of choice at around the £10.00

# New Products

The run up to Christmas seems to have spurred the skateboard industry into another peak of frenzied activity. On the wheels front the big news this month is a new size bearing. Not only does this type of bearing have an extra-large diameter, it also forms the entire hub of

the wheel thus eliminating the need for a spacer. The first wheel to appear in Britain with these bearings is called the UFO and it's been brought over by the Bristol Skateboard Centre. Initial tests indicate that the UFO spins fast with very little resistance. The urethane is a hard one in a cool blue

turquoise, and the wheel's vital statistics are 63mm diameter and 51mm running width. The only drawback of the UFO may in fact prove to be the very wide bearing which cannot be removed in the normal way.

SCI have hit the scene with the Comp, a smooth looking orange wheel. This has one of the hardest compounds I've come across and is apparently geared towards park-riding. It has a diameter of 63mm and a running width of 47mm.

Kryptonics caused a mad rush when they launched the "Big Red", a few months back. Now a hard orange model has been added to the existing range of red, blue and green. They are also making certain models available with radius edges and an improved compound formula. 65mm sizes are also now on the market.

Z Flex is currently available from Alpine Sports. Their top model deck is named after Jay Adams of Dogtown. Jay is notorious as the wild man of skateboarding who'll attempt just about anything. The Jay Adams deck is apparently cast in the same mould! It's 30 inches long and constructed from fibreglass, colour options red and vellow.

After the Gull Wing, son of Gull Wing. The continuing popularity of shorter axles has led HPG to produce this 6 inch model. The Phoenix axle is one-piece, as opposed to the split axle on the Gull Wing. Reports from the States say that the Phoenix

is less sensitive than the Gull Wing in turning response and is proving more suitable for bowl-riding.

## This Month's Reader's Tip

If you have discovered something you think the world ought to know about, just pop the details in the post. Skateboard! will be giving a free years subscription to the sender of each month's hottest tip.

Stephen Foster of Woodley, Berks wins a free subscription to Skateboard! for his grip tape suggestion for owners of polypropylene boards:

"On the question of grip-tape I highly recommend "wet and dry" emery cloth. It is very abrasive if you use the roughest grade there is. It is only about 15p a sheet and if you use Evo-stik (or a similar contact adhesive) to stick it on, you can glue on to a polypropylene deck."

Thanks, Stephen, could you write in please to claim your prize.

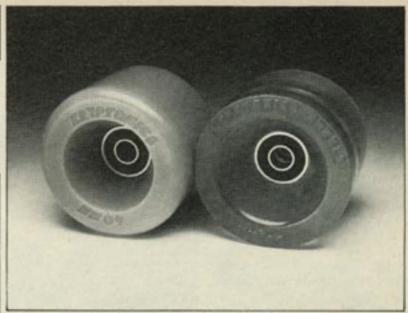
#### A correction

Last issue we said the two Buttlock Decks were priced at £6.50 and £15.00. In fact the former price should have been £9.50

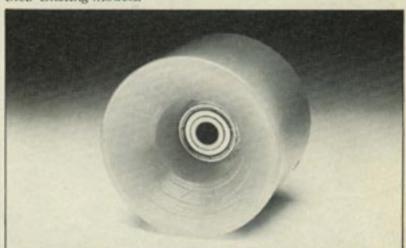
Finally, next month you'll be seeing the results of our test on the strangely shaped Fireball wheel. Don't miss it!

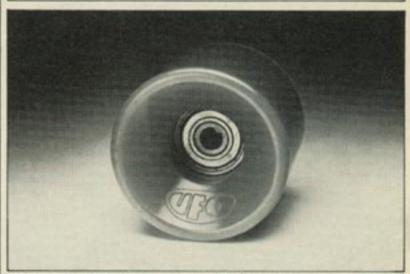


Above: The Z-Flex Jay Adams model

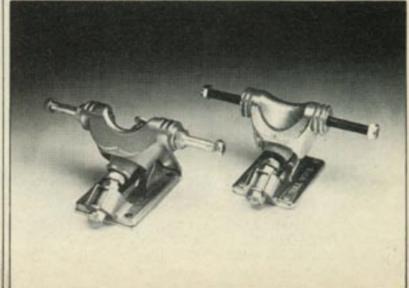


Below: The SCI Comp. Above left: the 60mm red Kryptonics model with radius-edge. Above right: The 60mm orange: Kryptonics claim this has better traction than any of their existing models.





Above: The UFO features a single 11/8" diameter bearing. Below left: The original Gull Wing 63/8" truck with new action bolt support bracket, Below right: The Gull Wing Phoenix has a single 6" axle.



## STAR INTERVIEW

## Meet California's Most Entertaining Rider..

## STACY PERALTA

Maggi Russell of Skateboard! talking to US superstar Stacey at the California Freeformer World Championship in Los Angeles. . . .

SKATEBOARD: What do you think of the way this championship has been organised?

STACY: I'm really happy with it, it's one of the best contests ever - and it's real scary! All the best skateboarders in the world are here - except maybe one or two, and everyone is out to win. First place isn't going to be that much higher marks wise than tenth - the winner will have to do something that's just a hair better. It's so hard to judge - I judge amateur contests and they drive me out of my mind it's so hard.

SKATEBOARD: Do you think there should be a skateboarder on this judging panel? STACY: Yes, but – there are no unbiased skateboarders – so it couldn't be done.

SKATEBOARD: Who else is on the G & S Team? STACY: Steve Cathay, Ellen O'Neal, Doug 'pineapple' Saladino, Denis Martinez, Paul Hoffman, Greg Tye. They're all here at the contest.

SKATEBOARD: How long have you been skating, and which aspects of the sport do you find the most exciting? STACY: I've been skating for twelve years on and off, about five consistently. I like vertical pool and pipe riding best, but I try to do every kind of skating possible. Like most people are just into one thing only, but I like to cover the whole lot, slalom, freestyle, pools, pipes, parks . . . It's getting close to the time when we'll have pool-riding competitions because everybody wants it - it's just so insane to look at. Trouble is, nobody knows how to judge it - like if a guy hangs a onewheeler out, and there's a quarter or half his wheel left in - who can judge it? It



## I get more compliments for my hand-jive than for my skating!

comes down to style, grace and fluidity — to judge it you'd need skaters who know what they're talking about but are unbiased. It's about being able to hold your speed, staying in there longer, doing something frontside as opposed to backside — it just goes on. . . .

SKATEBOARD: What is the most radical thing you've ever done, and where?

STACY: Probably when we went out to Arizona to ride some 22ft pipes — one of President Carter's water projects. Being out there was like being on the other side of the earth, or the other side of the moon — there were just these massive pipes way out in the desolate desert, and we were riding these giant tunnels, and we got so high we were just flying, free-

falling — the sensation was just unexplainable. On every ride, the others who were just watching were going WOOOOW! — everybody was just on the ceiling screaming. SKATEBOARD: Is it possible to do the loop in a pipe? STACY: No — not yet, you'd need a special runway 'cause it would take tremendous speed. . . . SKATEBOARD: What's

SKATEBOARD: What's Mount Baldy like?

STACY: Ok, Baldy was the first known pipe and it was 15 feet high and at the time it was really good as it had a little bit of a downhill run, but after people started discovering other pipes Baldy went down. Finally speed bumps were put down on it to keep skaters out. But skateboarders don't give up, they just take the speed

bumps off - the government puts them back on - they take the chisels to them and take them off again! I know these guys who used to skate this great big drainage ditch and the police put pipes all along - these guys cut the pipes out - the police put them back again - the guys cut them out, and this time they spray painted fake pipes on the ground so when you're up in the mountain looking down it looked as if the pipes were still there. These guys just won't stop, their dedication is amazing. SKATEBOARD: Tell me

SKATEBOARD: Tell m about your freestyle routine. . . .

STACY: Before a contest I practice for weeks, getting my routine down, memorising my music so that if I mess up a trick I can listen to my song to see how much more time I've got. Getting my footwork perfect, making sure my board is Ok - I only ever use one board - I don't like switching in the middle of a routine, I think it looks messy unless you can do it exactly right like Steve Cathay. He hops from one to another so smoothly. I ride for Pepsi-Cola besides G & S. and I do demos for them. Last year we did 200 junior high schools, and some big shows at sports arenas, and we found that skateboarding is not the only thing people want to see - they want to be entertained too. So I like to do things to make it look more fun so they think wow, that's really different! Here at this contest there were a couple of times that I messed up slightly, and a year ago I would've got mad and upset and blown my whole routine. But now, I snap my fingers, start shaking to the music, do a handjive - that makes the crowd laugh, they like to see you having a good time. I get more compliments for my hand jive than for my skating! If you cover up a mistake by doing something funny people don't notice the mistake. I used to think one

slip up and I'm through, but I've learnt to control myself, and to dig just entertaining people. Some of the contestants here are in pain they are so nervous, this contest has been on everybody's minds for months — it's real heavy. Once you're out there on the floor and the spotlight's on you, you have to get totally locked into it.

SKATEBOARD: How do you feel about being a superstar? STACY: I don't realise it—it's hard for me to understand all these people asking for my autograph, I'd only do that to a movie star. But I really appreciate it, it's real thoughtful of people....

SKATEBOARD: Some of the skaters are arrogant and like to act up a bit . . .

STACY: You can't be that way - I feel real guilty if I ever do it.

SKATEBOARD: Tell me about your board.

STACY: I have my own model, G & S made an autographed board for me, and we've updated it a bit now. It's good for every type of skating — it's not really a slalom board but it can be ridden in pools, parks, for freestyle and banks, I use it all the time unless I'm riding a super tight slalom for which I need something more flexible.

SKATEBOARD: Which are your favourite tricks?

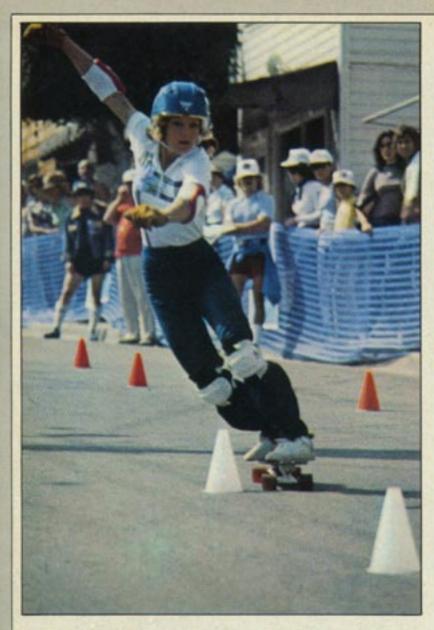
STACY: I like spinning tricks, every kind of 360, and a little thing called a G turn. I have a trick of my own invention, it's a 360 and a half slide on the bank — like you slide your board around using your hands and you've got to switch your body around in the middle of it and pop right back out of it.

SKATEBOARD: What is your advice to your admirers in the UK?

STACY: Hang in there, skate where you're supposed to, wear your gear, keep on thinking upwards. After all, you don't have to go through what we did, you can take our tricks and copy them, and learn by our mistakes, you don't have to start from the bottom. And don't get upset if you can't get things down right away, I used to get upset with myself if I couldn't do a trick, but you've got to relax and understand it. The more you get upset the more you're fighting yourself. I hear that some of your guys are better than ours already!

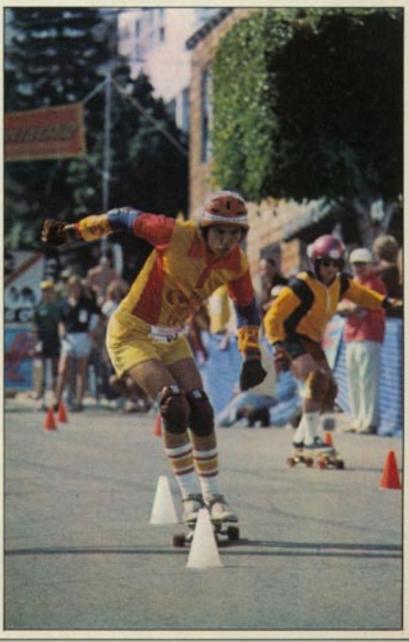




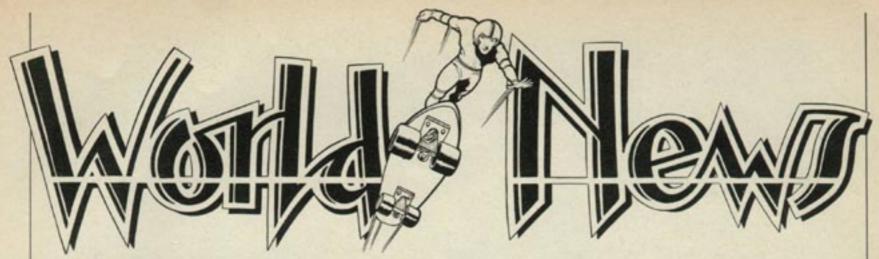








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## USA

Courtesy of US correspondant, Alan Zanger, Skateboard! presents a photo-file report on the recently held Catalina Classic. The contest is held every year on beautiful Catalina Island (off the coast of California) and out of each year's crop of events, this is probably the skater's favourite. Events are restricted to speed and slalom with a little freestyle added for demo purposes,

Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Ellen Berryman proving that freestyle isn't the only game she can play! John Hutson, Free Former '77 Champ, on his way to notching up a 4th place in the Men's Slalom. Not to be outdone, Earth Ski's Robin Logan makes a tidy run through the cones. Greg Tai, the man who helped our own Tim Levis not a little at the Long Beach, grabbing his own slice of slalom action.

Skateboard! magazine will be presenting more such photo-files in issues to come. As important world events take place, so we shall be bringing you on-the-spot coverage courtesy of our long list of overseas correspondants.

## Canada

We talked to Bob Firth, President of the Canadian Skateboard Association, and this is what he told us about the skateboarding scene in Canada today.

"Canada is 18 months behind the USA, the prime reason being because we don't have any parks. But we're developing some right now, so we hope to be catching up. Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia are the three main provinces which account for 80% of our skateboarders - and we estimate that there are over 150,000 active skateboarders spread over the land. The second we announced the existence of the association 4 months ago, we were deluged with requests for membership, and we're looking to the USA for guidance, and around the rest of the world so that we can learn from other country's mistakes.

"At the moment, most kids skate in public parks and on the sidewalks, but already half a dozen major cities have legislated against skating in public areas. One kid will drain his swimming pool for a couple of weeks, then every kid within twenty miles comes to skate it.

"We've had several local and regional contest so far, and two major ones. The biggest was the Canadian North Star Championships held in Toronto in early August. Steve Ibbertson was the overall winner out of 287 contestants.

"The best known deck manufacturers in Canada are Bruce Bennett and Willy Winkles. Urethane Products are going to be making wheels here shortly, but all trucks are imported.

"We are planning a national tournament for next year, to be held from coast to coast, and we'll be selecting a winning Canadian team for the country. We'd like to encourage some European countries - especially England - to try and put together a national team to compete in an international tournament in Canada during August of next year, This tournament will be strictly on an amateur level, Prizes will be in the form of equipment, travel opportunities and special scholarships as in other sports - for a

university education. People may think it's a square way of doing it, and the big buck always speaks, but we're convinced that if the sport is going to last, we need to de-commercialise it a bit."

## Germany

Back in September, Skateboard! visited the West German Championships, held in Cologne along with the SPOGA Trade Fair of Sporting Goods.

The SPOGA Fair is a vast exhibition of all the sports goods that will be in the shops in 1978. The majority of stands were exhibiting cheap polypropylene boards. The American Hobie Team were there to give a freestyle and ramp-riding demonstration. Fly'n' Brian Beardsley was on hand to show how he acquired this name-tag by leaping a brand new TR7, To coincide with the fair, Blue Diamond, a Cologne skateboard firm, arranged the championships.

The event was open to all comers, and as such was a valuable training ground for future champions. The contest was run on German bearings - ruthless precision! It was interesting to note the American influence taking over after only a couple of months of concentration on the European market. The top riders were using all the Pro equipment that we are used to - G&S decks, Powerflex, OJ and Road Rider wheels, Gull Wing, Tracker and Bennett trucks, but it was the kids in the crowd, clutching their Hobie and Freeformer boards, who were showing the main evidence of Stateside imports in the sports stores. The only European brand that stood out was the Blizzard board,

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cross between a Tracker and a
Bennett, but with the
interesting concept of
incorporating three different
hardnesses of suspension
rubbers for various applications. They'll be in our shops
here soon, and should carry
very reasonable prices.

The slalom event was impressive. Starting from a ramp, a straight course of cones was laid out over 50 metres. The contestants had to maintain a consistent pumping rhythm over the entire length of the course. Some of the younger competitors didn't have the strength to do this, but the eventual winner, Norbert Wienholz, powered his way down the course accelerating all the

The freestylists ranged from a miniscule 4 year old to the superbly fluid Michael Wolf. This 15 year old had obviously absorbed Ty Page's demo to turn out a near perfect routine including a headstand, moving from one board to another, and absolutely precise kick-flips. Each speciality was linked by a fluid combination of walk the dog, toe-spins, 720's and helicopters.

Hopefully teams such as these will be pitted against our own teams such as Alpine and Benji in the near future. Such competitions are valuable training grounds for would-be competitive skate-boarders. But only the top riders will make their mark in international events, and European skateboarding has a long way to go before we can compete on a level footing with the Americans.

#### RESULTS

SLALOM

1st Norbert Wienholz (Hobie) 2nd Max Victoria (Hobie)

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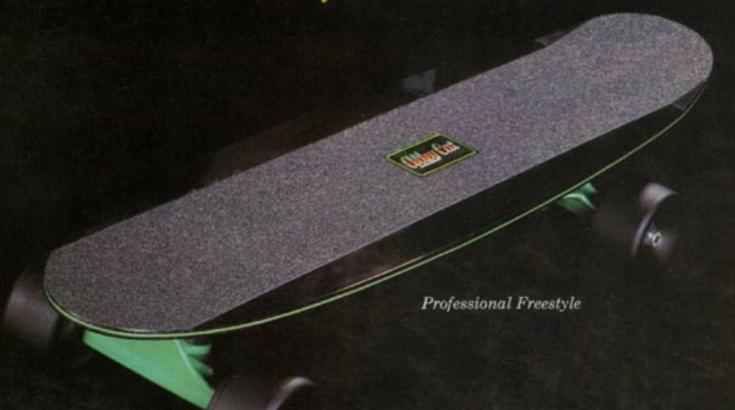
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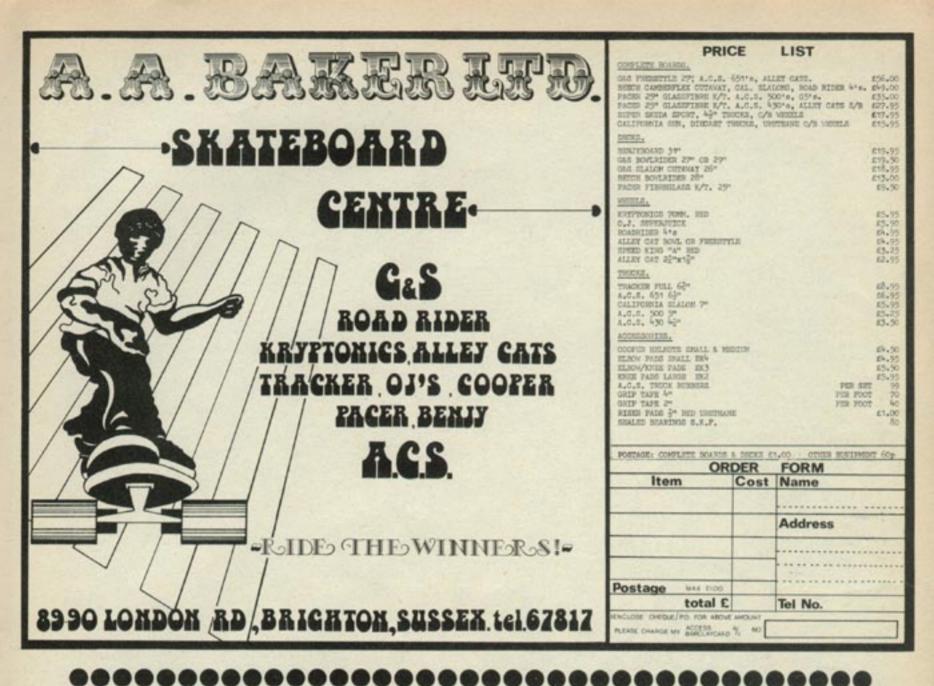
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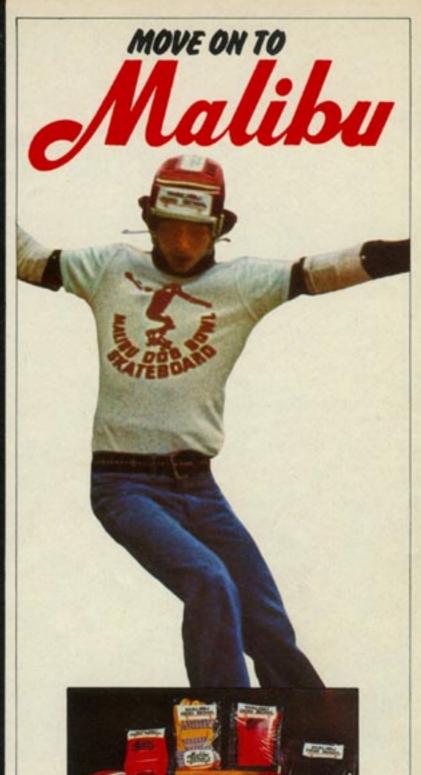


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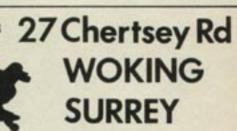
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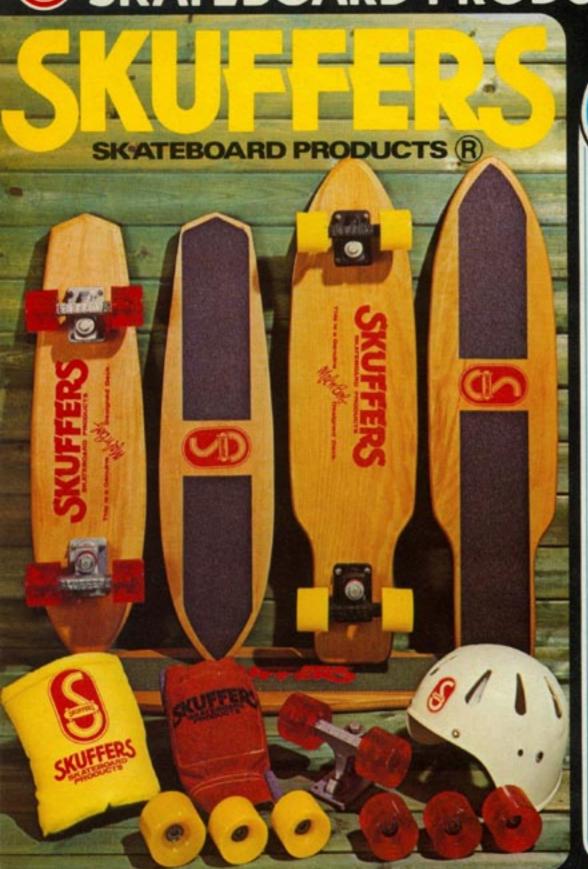
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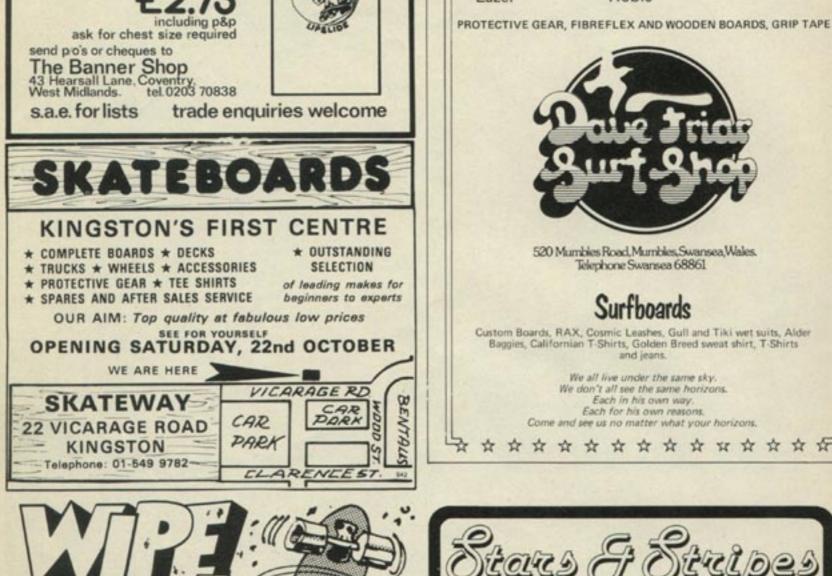
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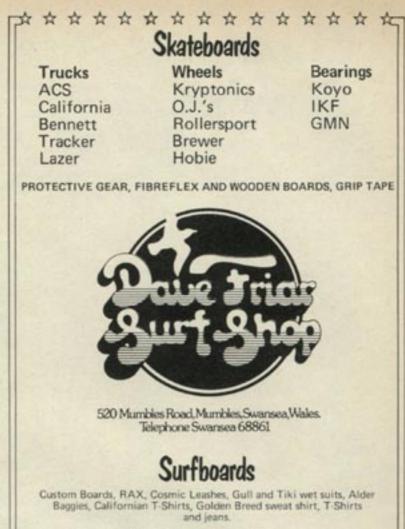
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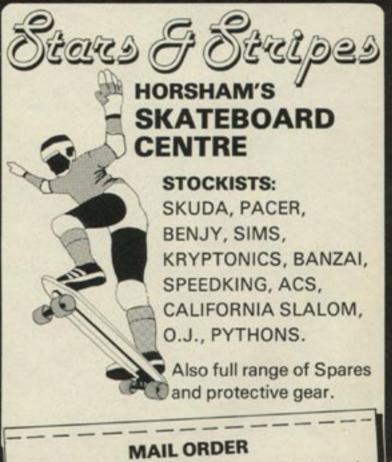












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BONES PARK RIDER The world's first double radial profile wheel. Fabulous "white hot" looks. Alpine Sports are the first shop to offer this brand new product. Precision engineered radical performers! White with red lettering. £6.95 each.

#### OJ'S

SUPERJUICE A great allround wheel with a deservedly fantastic reputation. You can't miss OJ's. They're bright orange and they roll and grip like crazy. £5.95 each. Don't pay a penny more! Some shops charge up to £8.00.

MORE WHEELS ON BACK PAGE

## ALPINE SPORTS-PRO SKATEBOARD SHOPS



## PACKAGES

## ALPINE'S TOP FIVE PACKAGES

TOP VALUE - TOP PERFORMANCE



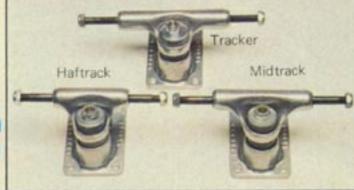




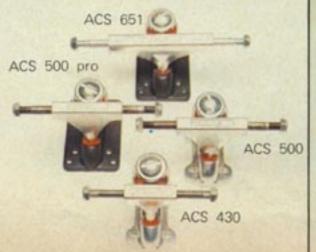














## ALPINE'S TOP FIVE PACKAGES

#### PACKAGE OFFERS

ALPINE SPORTS have chosen the best skateboard deck currently available in each price range and have added the most appropriate trucks and wheels and then thrown in the grip tape, nuts, bolts, riser pads etc.. The customer ends up with the best value and best performance board available for its price in Britain, and so we present our TOP FIVE PACKAGES.

N.B. ALL PACKAGES ARE FULLY GUARANTEED BY ALPINE SPORTS FOR ONE YEAR.

ALPINE'S PACKAGES SAVE YOU MONEY!

#### 1. FREESTYLE 27in.

A British made multi laminate wood deck, designed to the same specification as the superb "ROCKIT" yet offering incredible value

Highly recommended to good skateboarders who want an inexpensive strong and lightweight deck

Pkge	. Deck	Trucks	Wheels	Price
1a)	Freestyle	ACS 500	GT Precision	£30
1b)	Freestyle	California Slalom	GT Precision	£34
1c)	Freestyle	California Stalom	Green 60mm kryptonics	£45

#### 2. G&S FIBREFLEX SLALOM 3 G&S STACY PERALTA WARPTAIL

The world famous Gordon and Smith (G&S) fibreflex slalom boards. Responsive, high performance multi laminate maple/epoxy construction. With this package you can choose any of the three G&S slalom boards:
a) The original 28" Pro Slalom; b) The 29" Cutaway Slalom, giving additional clearance for large wheels, and c) The 28" Henry Hester Slalom, designed by Henry Hester himself.
Pkge, Deck Trucks

a) Pro Slalom

b) Cutaway Slalom California Slalom

c) Henry Hester

Wheels Price Yo Yo's Yandall Stalom Green 60mm kryptonics

Developed jointly by Gordon and Smith (G&S) and Stacy Peralta for banks, pools and freestyle skating. It is a solid oak board with just enough kicktail to hold your foot without trapping it. The G&S emblem is branded on the underside.

Wheels Price Pkge. Deck Trucks a) Stacy Peralta 27" Tracker Yo Yo's Green 60mm b) Stacy Peralta 29" Mid Track €49 kryptonics

#### 4. BENJYBOARD

#### 5. G&S BOWLRIDER 27in. & 29in.

Britain's top manufacturer of laminated wood boards. Benjyboards have a striking appearance and their laminations of oak and mahogany are instantly recognisable. Complete with kicktail etc

Pkge. Deck

Benjyboard 27"

Trucks California Slalom California Pro

Wheels Price O.J. Super Juice £55

The ultimate skateboard! G&S fibreflex bowlriders are the lightest boards available. They are also Britain's most popular high performance deck Lightweight boards are certainly best for freestyle and bowlriding. Hot skateboarders really appreciate the bowlriders shape: - A hint of rocker to keep the centre of gravity low and a long gentle curve up at the tail.

Pkge, Deck Trucks a) Bowlrider 27" ACS 651 29" b) Bowlrider 27" ACS 651

29"

Wheels Price Kryptonics 60mm £54 green,blue or red Kryptonics 70mm £56 green, blue or red

#### TRUCKS

All trucks sold at Alpine Sports carry a full year guarantee against breakage of any metal part.

#### TRACKER

Tracker are U.S.A.'s top truck manufacturer. Their products are designed for high performance and are, in our opinion, the best trucks money can buy. All these trucks have the following features:-

HIGH PERFORMANCE

SUPER PRECISION

UNBREAKABLE

Trackers are available in three proven widths and geometrics:-

THE TRACKER 6% " axle £9.95 6¼ " axle £9.95 THE MIDTRACK 5¼ " axle £9.50 THE HAFTRACK

#### CALIFORNIA TRUCKS

Fantastic value in trucks. Although they don't quite have the same level of performance or finish as Tracker

they are streets ahead of anything else available at the price.

CALIFORNIA SLALOM 7" axle £6.95 CALIFORNIA PRO 5%" axle £6.50

ACS are renowned for strength, smart looks and sensible prices. Alpine Sports sell them at well below normal retail prices.

100% guaranteed by Alpine Sports.

ACS	430		£3.50
ACS	500		£5.25
ACS	500	PRO	£6.25
ACS	651		£7.20

#### BENNETT TRUCKS

Truely excellent trucks but with one big problem - the plastic Bennett base plates nearly always break. Our solution to the problem is this - we will only supply the trucks with a metal base plate and pivot bolt (as used for the California Slalom)

Unfortunately this adds £2 to our normal retail price, but it does prevent a weekly trip back to your skateboard shop to exchange plates.

COME ON MR. BENNETT, PULL YOUR SOCKS UP AND GIVE US A BASEPLATE THAT REALLY DOESN'T BREAK !!

(Price incl. metal baseplates)

BENNETT HIJACKER 5" axle £7.95 BENNETT PRO 5.8" axle £8.95 BENNETT AD-TRAK 6.6" axle £9.95

6 3/8" axle £10.50 GULLWING

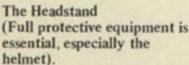
A unique truck design incorporating split axles, adjustable turning radius, adjustable tension. It's instant response makes it the finest slalom truck on the market. It is rapidly gaining popularity with radical freestylers.

New low price £10.50 includes the support brackets.

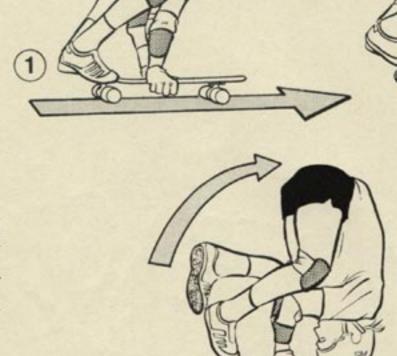
## THE ART OF SKATEBOARDING

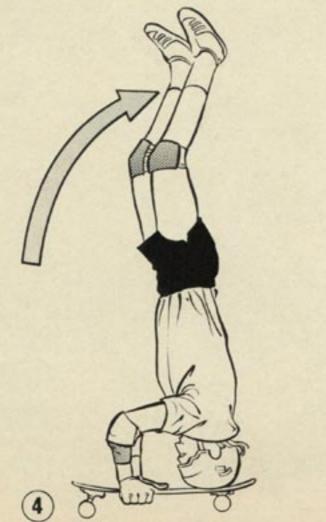
Every Month-A Step By Step Guide To Tricks And Manoeuvres

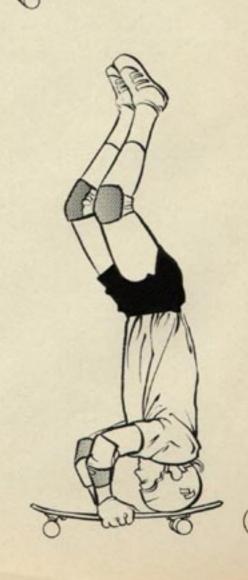
Recently, Skateboard! magazine dropped in at Skate City to catch some of the wonderous antics of the visiting Hobie team. In particular, we were more than impressed by some of Skitch Hitchock's headstand and handstand manoeuvres so we decided to show two of them here. The first is the headstand - done the tricky way, ie, with one hand each side of the board, half way along. The other is the more difficult handstand board change-over.



Set the board in motion at roughly a slow walking speed.
 Tip slowly forwards while carefully maintaining balance.
 & 4. Kick legs slowly upwards to the vertical position.
 Use a firm grip and small body angle adjustments to hold the position. Small steering movements can be made to counter sideways falling.







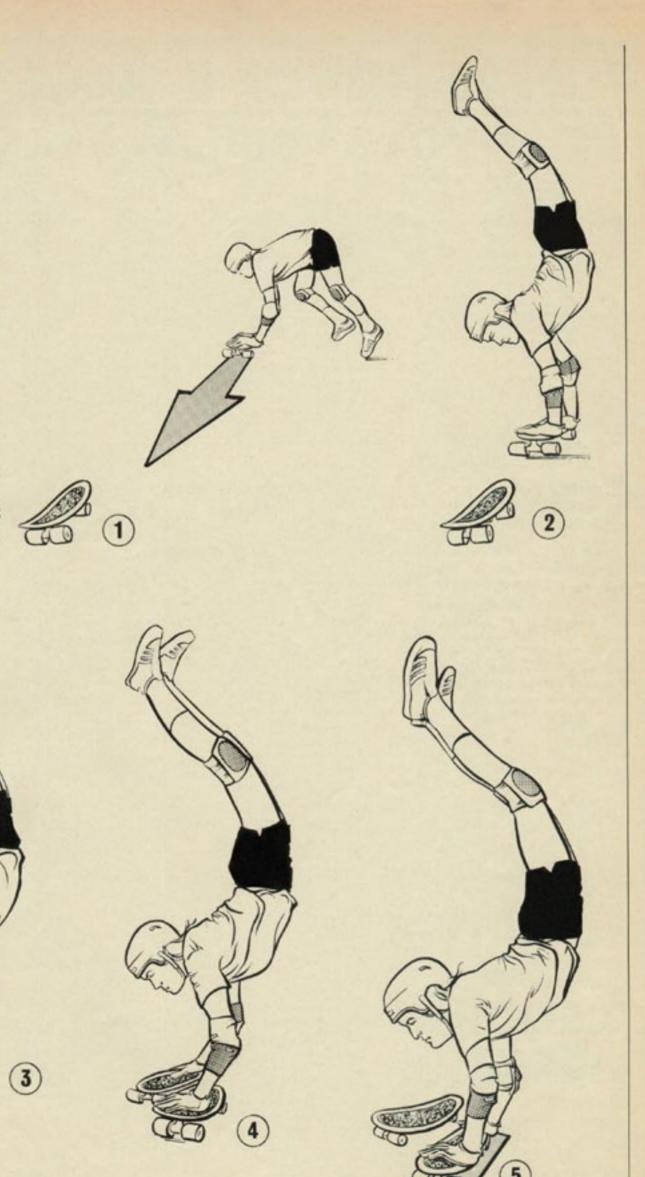
The Handstand - with board change-over (Again, full protective equipment) 1. Face the board from the side and gripping it nose and tail, push off to a slow walking speed while at the same time tipping forward to balance on the hands. 2. Swinging legs up to a full handstand position, steer towards the second, wrists.

stationary board by using the 3. Move in beside the second board, as close as possible but without touching. Either side

will do. 4. Shift the leading hand onto the new board.

5. Now bring the other hand over and the manoeuvre has been completed.

Though handstand riding can look very difficult to the 'first-timer', in fact many feel it's actually easier than doing the same thing on dry land! The action of the body falling one way or the other tends to turn the skateboard into the fall thus helping to prevent complete collapse.



## SKATEBOARDS & ACCESSORIES

## THE COYOTE - Britain's best £16 board

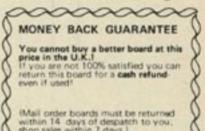
AND HERE ARE THE REASONS WHY

- Money back Guarantee:- If you are not delighted with your purchase during the first seven days we offer a money back guarantee, (even if you have used the board).
- Front and back kicktail ideal for tricks,
- Giant extra wide wheels -(57mm x 60mm diam.).
- 4) Choice of colours Red, blue, or black

- Also available with sealed precision bearings - The Coyote Super at £20.
- 6) Made to high tolerances in Southern California - home of the world's top skateboarders and skateboards.
- 7) Spare parts always available.
- 8) One year guarantee who else gives you that?

#### 1 YR. GUARANTEE

If during the first year your board breaks or goes wrong in any way, Alpine Sports will repair or replace the board at no extra charge.



## DECKS

THESE PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE TRUCKS, WHEELS ETC.. All decks are guaranteed against breakage for ONE year.

1) QUICKTAIL

72cms £36.00 84cms £39.00

Specifically designed for the performance demands of banks, pools, and parks. It's construction is a unique ultra strong Alu/fibreglass and epoxy laminate.

2) SIMS TAPERKICK 27" £27.00 30" £29.00

Superb craftsmanship is shown in the construction of this ultra-light multi-laminate board with customized wheel wells. For the enthusiast skater — probably the finest wood board on the market.

#### 3) + 4) GORDON & SMITH FIBREFLEX

Proslalom 28" £19.50
Cutaway Slalom 29" £19.50
G & S are Britain's most popular high performance decks. Fibreflex skate-boards are ultra light with a superb

"feel". They are carefully finished and come in a large selection of colours. Both these boards- and of course the Henry Hester model - are ideally suited to high speed slalom. The flex is softer than the bowlriding and freestyle models.

5) ROCKIT 28" £18.50 Developed by Tracker and Gordon & Smith the Rockit is an epoxy reinforced multi laminate maple board which combines lightness with exceptional strength. 6) LOGAN EARTH SKI Bruce Logan Kicktail 27" £15.95 29" £16.95

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The original oak board — often copied and imitated. Stiff wooden decks are very stable and make good allround boards.

7) PACER - MAHOGANY 900 27" £11.95

A British made deck with a laminated kicktail and grip tape top surface, Excellent value.

8) PACER - FIBREGLASS 300 25" £ 9.50

A fibreglass kicktail deck with slight camber in the middle.

## PROTECTIVE GEAR ACCESSORIES MAGAZINES

#### **ACCESSORIES**

Grip tape - Sandpaper type (per ft.) Riser pads - 1/2" urethane each £1.00 Truck rubbers - ACS red rubbers ea. IKS & NKS - precision bearings ea. £1.00 Alpine Skate wrench each £1.00 Road Rider - T-shirts XS,S,M,L £1.95 G & S Fiberflex - T-shirts XS,S,M,L £1.95 Alpine Sports - T-shirts XS,S,M,L £1.95 Mounting bolts + nuts - 1%" each .10 .10 Axle nuts each

#### **HELMETS**

 JOFA An inexpensive basic helmet at a reasonable price.
Adjustable
 £5.95

NORCON The "Rolls Royce" of skateboard helmets, offering superb protection, comfort and smart looks. Polycarbonate shell & foam padding. Sm, med,lg; red, or blue

#### RECTOR GLOVES

Made specifically for skateboarders. Split leather and pigskin construction with additional padding at the base of the hand. Expensive - yes, but offering the ultimate in protection. Imported from the States. Per pair £9.95

#### **ELBOW & KNEE PADS**

Freestyle - the ultimate skateboarding protective gear.

There's been an incredible shortage of good protective gear in Britain this year. Now its over! Alpine has now got hold of the Freestyle Protective Gear - The World's best!

Freestyle arm pads - s,med, £5.95 pr. Freestyle knee pads - s,md, £6.95 pr.

#### MAGAZINES ETC ..

by post£1.20

Skateboarder £1.00
(The best U.S.A. magazine) by post £1.30
Skateboard .45
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Skateboarder Poster Book £2.00
Contains 8 full size posters
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Skateboard Manual by Martin Schultz .60
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Skateboarding by David Hunn

## THE COYOTE

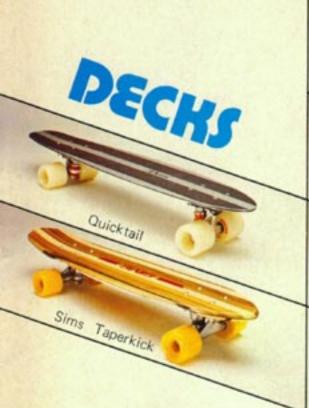


BRITAIN'S BEST BUDGET PRICED SKATEBOARD

£16

WITH SEALED PRECISION BEARINGS £20









## PROTECTIVE GEAR ACCESSORIES MAGAZINES









## BUDGET BUYS SPECIAL PRE

## G&S FIBREFLEX 27" KICKTAIL PACKAGE

£ 58 +£1 p+p

#### 1 YR. GUARANTEE

against breakage or faulty parts

(PLUS GUARANTEED PART EXCHANGE OF AT LEAST £5 ON ANY OLD SKATEBOARD)

A SENSATIONAL SKATEBOARD - used by top professional skateboarders in the States. Designed for modern free-style and bowlriding technique - featuring the world's best laminated flexible deck, and the amazing green kryptonics wheels with N.K.S. precision



#### BUY NOW WHILST STOCKS LAST:-

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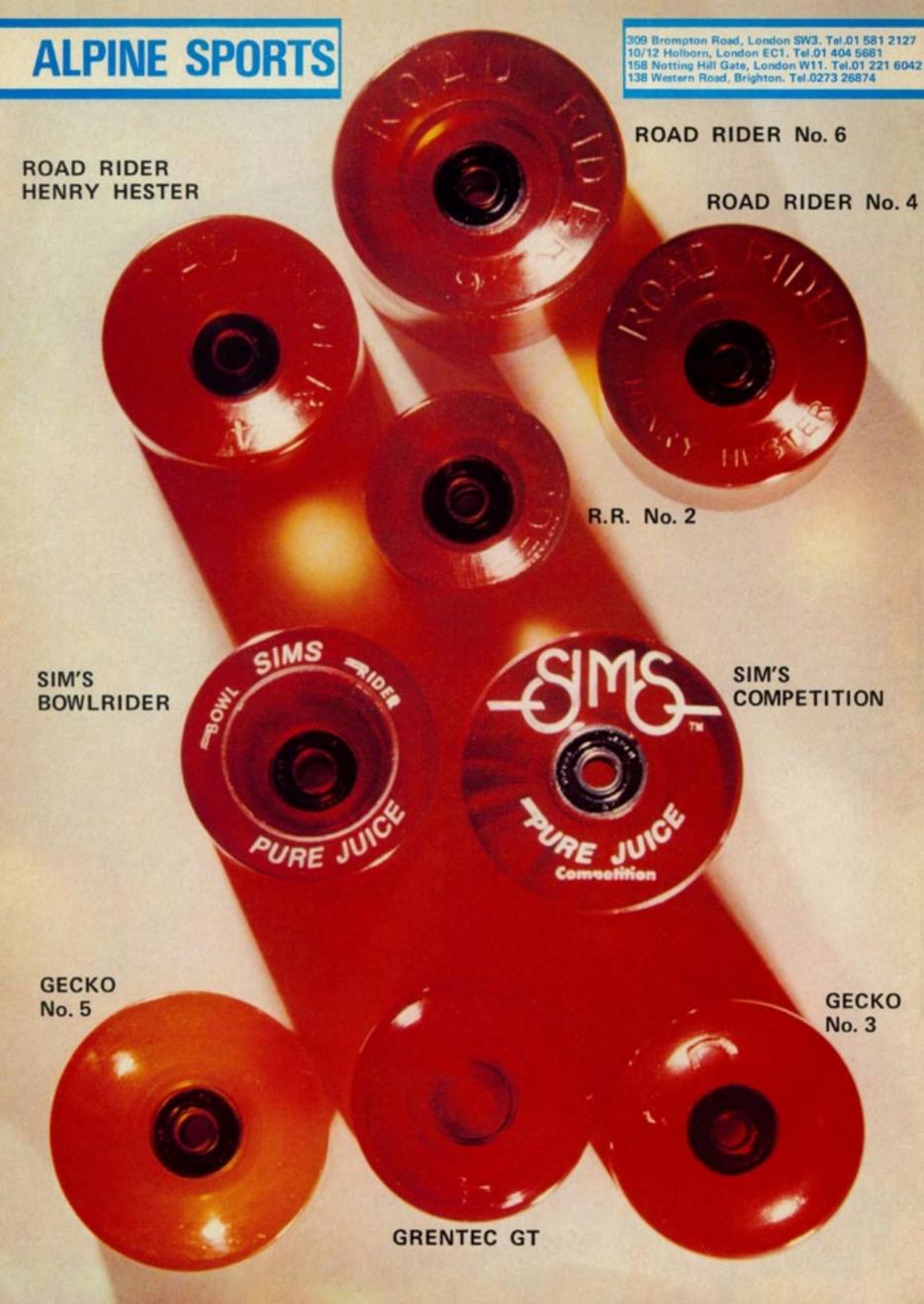
Top quality American board designed for the young skateboarder. 21" deck with kicktail, alloy trucks and urethane wheels. Ideal Xmas gift.



Unquestionably the best £16 board in Britain. 24" polypropylene deck with double kicktail, giant urethane wheels, alloy trucks. Made in U.S.A.. Also available with sealed precision bearings for £20, Ideal Xmas gift.



A new board from the makers of the Spoiler and the Coyote. Featuring a 24" polycarbonate double kicktail deck, with the new MAXTRAX GT alloy trucks with amazing 7%" axle width. Giant red urethane wheels with sealed precision bearings. Ideal Xmas gift.



## MORE WHEELS & BARGAIN OFFERS

ALL WHEEL PRICES ARE FOR ONE WHEEL PLUS TWO BEARINGS

#### ROAD RIDER WHEELS

The original hand poured urethane wheels and still the world's best sellers. Road Riders are precisely made, immoculately finished, and are extremely durable. Five different wheels are available.

Discount price

ROAD RIDER 2 - 1 5/8" wide

1 3/8" diam ea.£3.95

ROAD RIDER 4 - 1%" wide

2 3/8" diam ea.£4.95

ROAD RIDER 6 - 1 15/16" wide

2 11/16" diam £5.95

HENRY HESTER - specially designed for

slalom: 1 7/16" wide

2 7/16" diam

ea £4.95

LOGAN PARK RIDER 5 - specially formulated for use on banks and parks: 1 7/8" width

2 7/16" diam ea£5.50

#### SIMS WHEELS

#### SIMS BOWLRIDER

The widest wheel you can buy. They're not the fastest but they do offer superlative traction in the bowls etc... 2 1/8" wide

24" diam ea. £5.95

#### SIMS COMPETITION

A very popular wheel with a good reputation as an allround performer.

2 1/8" wide 21/2" diam ea. £5,95

#### GRENTEC G.T. WHEELS

A real U.S. made hand poured urethane wheel with sealed precision bearings at a crazy low price. Ideal for those who want to get away from loose bearing wheels but don't have a lot to spend.

> Discount price 2 3/16" wide

2¼" diam ea. £2.95

#### REMINDER

A skateboard consists of one deck, two trucks and four wheels (each of which have two precision bearings). Our prices are for individual items, not for pairs of trucks or sets of wheels.

## THIS MONTH'S BARGAIN OFFERS

## California /lalom-truck/

A full 7" truck £££'s, cheaper than you can buy anywhere else. (Available from Sept. 15th onwards). Only £6.95 each. Also available - California Pro - same truck but with 5% " axle - £6.50

## Kryptonic wheels

Everyone wants Kryptonics - the hottest, fastest, smoothest wheel you can buy, now available at Alpine Sports at the lowest ever prices: red, blue, or green.

70mm

Price details can be found on the wheels page of this supplement.

#### iorcon neimet*i*

Used by top professionals - the best helmet money can buy. Red or blue - sm, med, Ig.. We strongly reccommend this helmet in preference to any other. £7.50

Designed by Steve Cathey for freestyle and bowlriding. Features W' radiused edge which gives smooth catch-free transiton in kick turns and other tight turning manouvres. Colours: yellow or red - (Mix or match !) £5.95

The best skateboarding glove made - direct from the States tough pigskin with masses of padding and reinforcement. New low price while stocks last: £12.50 £9.95

Now we have also slashed prices on ACS Trucks:-ACS 430 4.3" £3.50 5" ACS 500 £5.25 Best value

ACS 500 Pro 5" £6.25 6.5" £7.20

## Alpine wrench

NOW IN STOCK - A must for every skateboarder, In stock now ! Only £1.00

reestyle pads

Protective gear at rock bottom prices - Freestyle pads are favourites with hot American skateboarders.

Knee pads - S, M Elbow pads - S. M.

£5.45 pr. £6.95 pr.

Colour; orange with yellow.

Britain

NOW IN STOCK AT ALPINE SPORTS Personal callers only.

Tunnell

Power Pivot

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Santa Cruz

New Grentec boards

Logan Earth Ski laminated boards

H. P. G. IV Phoenix Trucks

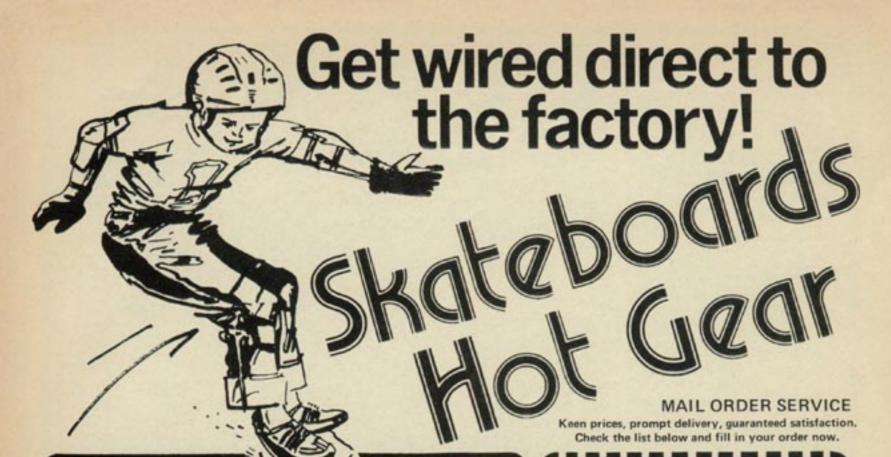
AND MANY OTHER HOT ITEMS

ALPINE SPORTS - FOR BRITAIN'S LOWEST PRICES ON TOP GEAR

MORE NEXT MON

## PRICES & MAIL ORDER FORM

Item				unit cost qu	antity Tota	al cost	Item	unit cost qu	antity tota	al cost
DECKS Gordon & Smit	th (GRS)						TOP PACKAGES ctd. 3a) G & S Stacy Peralta Warptail 27"			
Bowlrider 29"	us (Gas)			each £19.50	-£		+ 60mm Green Kryptonics			
Bowlrider 27"				each £19.50	-£	200		ea. £49.00	-£.	
Kicktail 27"	- 20"			each £19,50	-£		3b) G & S Stacy Peralta Warptail 29"			
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Stacy Peralta 2	7" Warptail			each £14.95	-£		4 Benjyboard 27" Kicktail			
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Stacy Peralta 3 Powell	2" Warptail			each £16.95	-£		+ O.J. Super Juice	each £55.00	£	
Slalom 70cms	27%"			each £29.00	-E		5a) G & S Fibreflex Bowlrider 27 or 29" *			
Quicktail 72cm				each £36.00	-£		ACS 651			
Quick tail 84cm	ns 33"			each £39.00	-£		+ Kryptonics 60mm, green, blue or red *	each £54,00	3=E	
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Logan Earth Sk				each £29,00			* Kryptonic 70mm, green, blue, or red *	each £56.00		
Bruce Logan K				each £15.95	-£		COMPLETE BOARDS - MORE MONEY SAVE	RS		
Bruce Logan K	icktail 29"			each £16.95	-£		Coyote 24" double kicktail			
Benjyboard	er se lab sails				17.0		The best £16 board in Britain. Complete with g wheels + one years unconditional guarantee.	each £ 16,00	-£.	
Benjyboard 27 Benjyboard 32				each £18.00 each £20.00	-€	******	Super Coyote 24" double kicktail	Bach F 10700		
Tracker	r.c. ini			68CH E20.00			As above, but with precision bearing wheels	each £20.00	-£	
Rockit 28"				each £18.50	-f.					
Freestyle	0.4						Pacer 300 25" Fibreglass			
Santa Cruz	od kicktail 2	27"		each £ 9.95			+ ACS 430 trucks + GT Precision wheels	each £29.50	-E	
5-ply 27"				each £18.00	1-E		Pacer 900 27" Mahogany	each ceir ou		
5-ply 29"				each £19.00	-£		+ California Slalom trucks			
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Original Ultra Lite				each £25,00 each £29,00	-E.		Logan Earth Ski kicktail 27"			
Jay Adams				each £29.00	-£		+ ACS 651	Commence		
TRUCKS				-7-20				each £50.00		
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Kryptonics N.	B. Only the	Kryptonics	listed abov	ve are available.				each £ .60	-£	
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O.J.'s Super Jui		65	£-7-50	each £ 5.95	3-6			each £ 1.00	=£	
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							G & S Fibreflex kicktail 27"	each £58.00	3-E	-111
							Spoiler - 21" deck with kicktail	each £14.00 each £16.00	-£	
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Gecko No. 5		60		each £ 3.95	-6		Decks or complete board £1.00	SUB TOTAL 2		
Gecko No. 3		57		each £ 3.50	-£		Trucks each £ .50 (£1 max)		i i	
Grentec GT Precisions		55	£.3-50	each £ 2.95	-		Wheels each £ 25 (£1 max) Helmets each £ .50 (£1 max) GRA	AND TOTAL	£	-
GT Precisions		40	7-300	each F 5.95	- L		Books + magazines each £ .30 (£1 max)			
	24 1						Skate wrench each £ .50 (£1 max)			
TOP PACKAGE							Small accessories total £ .50			
1a) Freestyle 2							£1 is our maximum Postage and Packing charge			-
+ ACS 500 + GT Precis				each £30.00	7-6		Please send the above specified items to:-ALLO	W 21 DAYS F	OR DELIVE	ERY
1b) Freestyle 2					The second second		NAME			The same
+ California	a Stalom tru	icks								
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1c) Freestyle 2	7" Kicktail a Slalom tru	inke								100
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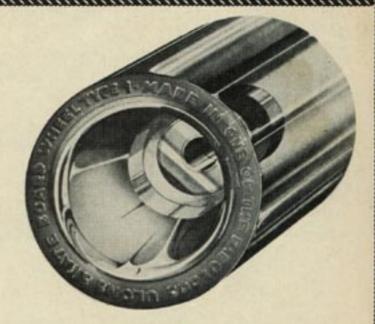
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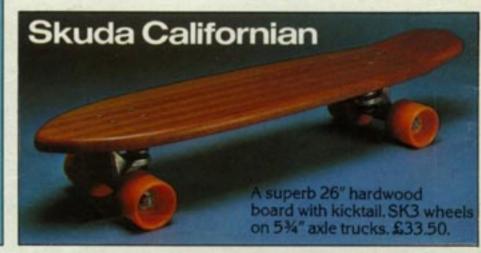
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