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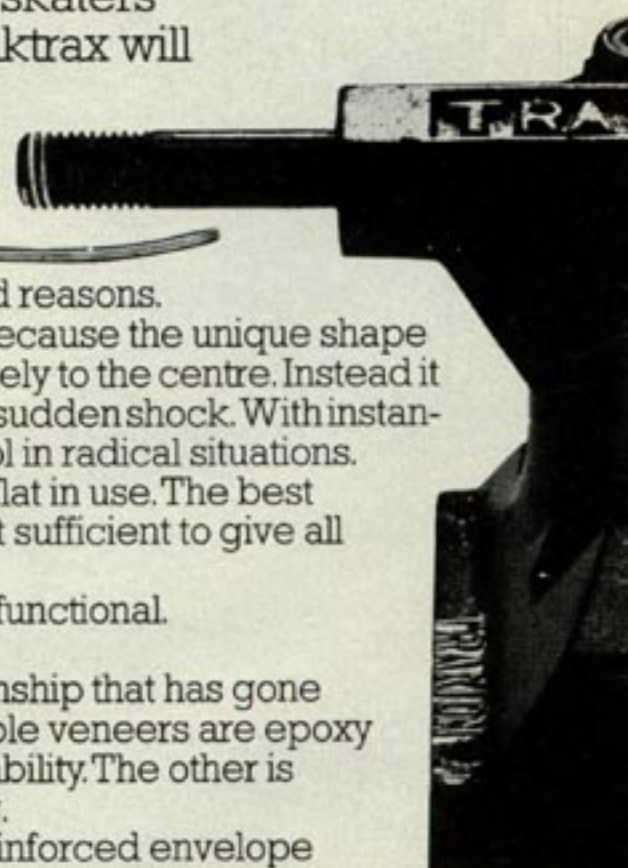
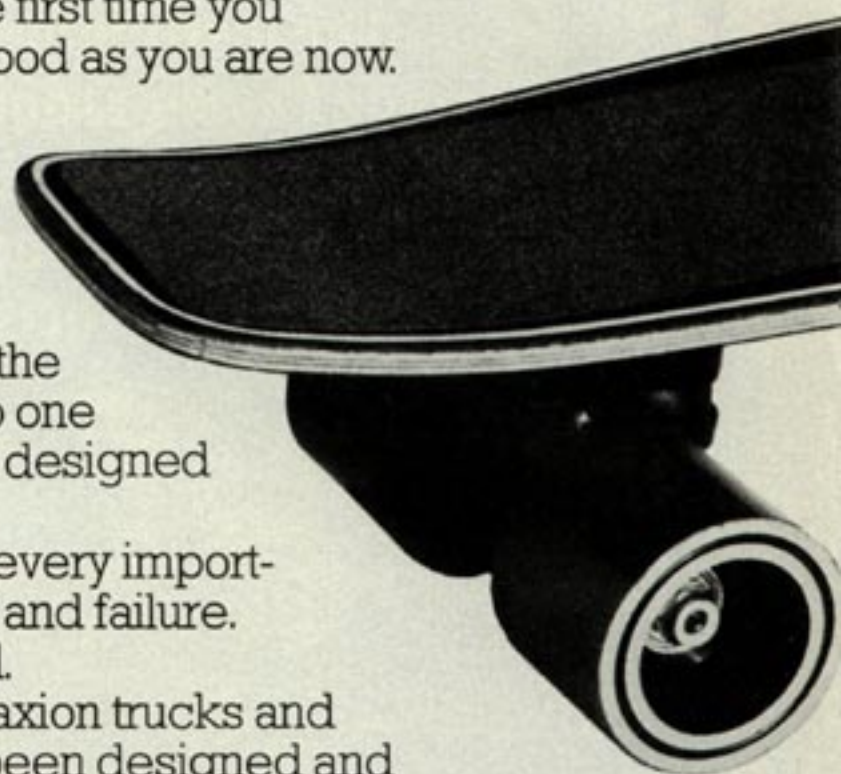
For example, skateboard technology leaves much to chance. Decks, trucks and wheels are all manufactured separately. In the hope that some might work together. But no one manufacturer makes all three, deliberately designed to bring out the best in each other.

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is different. Looks alone tell you that. But for good reasons.

Exhaustive research decided the design. Because the unique shape of the deck ensures that flex is not confined merely to the centre. Instead it spreads from the centre through to either end. Thereby absorbing sudden shock. With instantaneous and exact memory characteristics. Giving precise control in radical situations.

The camber absorbs the rider's weight – so the deck is near flat in use. The best position for optimum truck performance. The kicktail is subtle, but sufficient to give all the extra leverage you need.

However, the deck is not just technically better. It's also more functional. Handstands, nose wheelies, christies, endovers – all come easier.

Touching Blaktrax confirms the care, expertise and craftsmanship that has gone into its construction and design. The three carefully selected maple veneers are epoxy impregnated and bonded. The grain of two run lengthwise for stability. The other is cross-grained. So the flex is only in one direction to avoid twisting.

The deck itself is enclosed in a multi-stranded fibre-glass reinforced envelope before being completely bonded and sealed with high quality epoxy resin. The result is so strong that it needs to be trimmed to its final shape by a diamond cutter.

And, finally, there is a near-overall covering of aluminium oxide friction pad. Giving grip right up to the edge of the deck where it's needed.

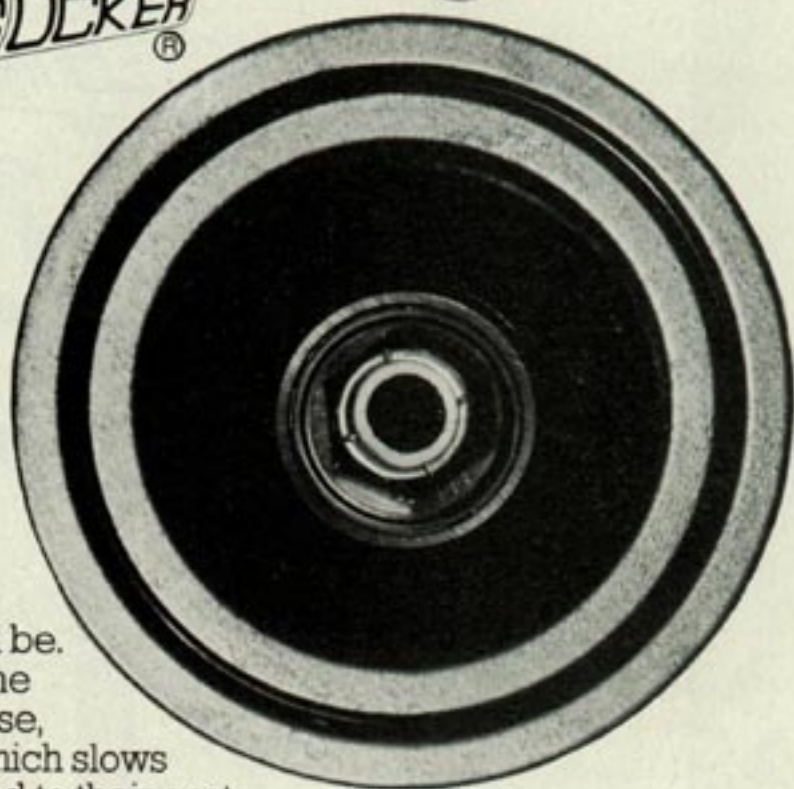
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The proof is in the performance.



TRAXION

trucks have their axis where it should be. Through the centre of the pivot and the bottom rubber. Because, anywhere else,

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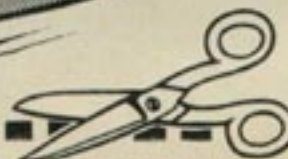
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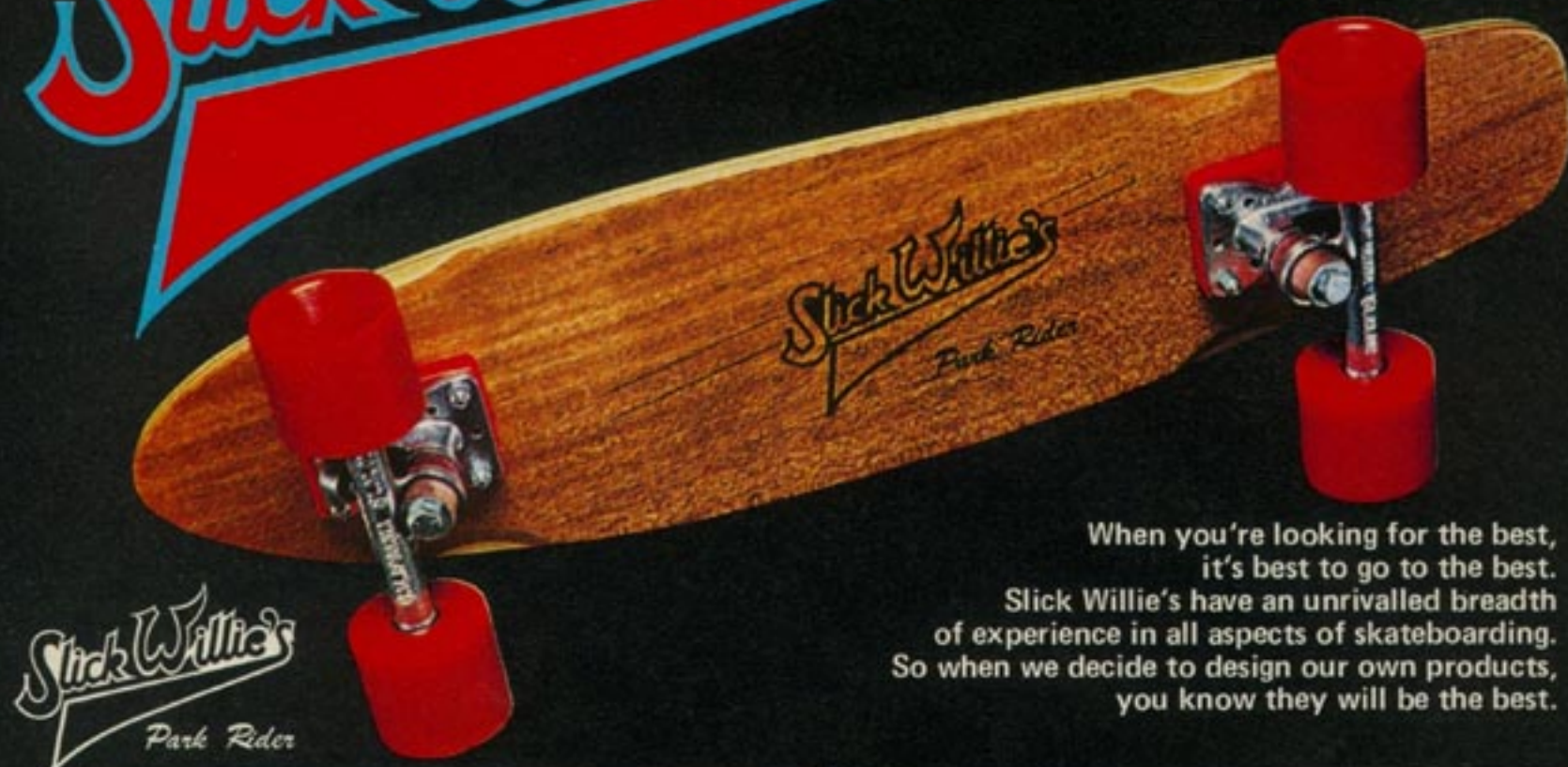
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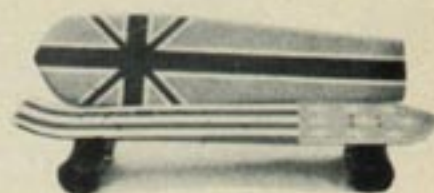
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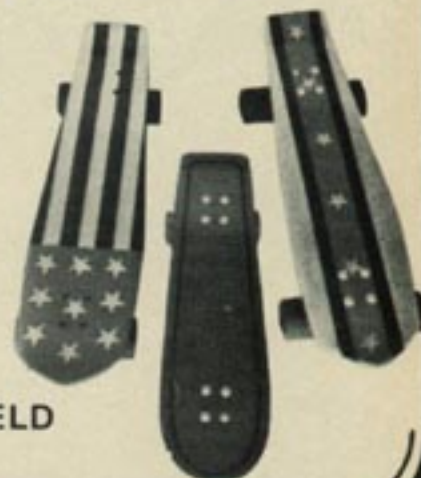
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spanking style with sales of
the magazine still rocketing;
and if you're into counting,
you'll find there's a record
96 pages this month. And on
to one of these we're
delighted to welcome, Stacy
Peralta. US star, Stacy, has
agreed to post over a regular
letter from California and
the first appears this issue.
His brief is wide... he'll be
discussing anything and
everything and if ever there
was a great way of dis-
covering the Stateside Pro
skateboarding scene, this has
to be it. Up-to-date news
from the inside.

I've got a pile of letters a
mile high from readers all
around the country asking us
to come out and see them.
That we are trying to do -
well, at least as many of
you as possible. As a start,
the *Skateboard!* crew
recently swooped down on
Bristol - and we weren't
disappointed. With the local
Skateboard Centre acting as
mine hosts, we soon forgot
what a drizzly old day it was.

And though the splendour
of Ashton Park was amazing,

continued on Page 31



ADAM AND CASPAR PEACOCK

Adam and Caspar started skating three years ago in skateboarding's birthplace — Dog Town (Santa Monica), California. Adam is now 17, and 14-year-old Caspar took third place in the slalom at Crystal Palace.

"We were more into using skateboards for transportation in Santa Monica," says Adam. "Everybody skateboards there. We'd skate miles down-hill into the canyon, then hitch a ride back up again. I tried out the Carlsbad Bowl while I was

there, which was very smooth and round. As far as England goes, Skate City is pretty good — anything else so heavy is more likely to be a pool. The first time I went, there was hardly anyone riding the deepest bowl, we were practically the only ones there, just carving around, going up to the lip and down again. Now I go to Meanwhile Gardens or a couple of secret pools I know of which are drained in winter."

Adam likes bowlriding and downhill speed riding best, and doesn't see much future for free-style. "You can only go so far with it — although you have to be good at it at the moment to stand a chance in a competition."

"England is well behind



Casper Peacock. . . abrasive lip grinding on the summit.

America, and as soon as we've caught up they'll be way ahead again. But we *are* the hottest in Europe.

How did Ben Howard of Benjyboards get hold of so many of the best skaters for his team?

"He was in the right place

at the right time, I guess. But it's a great team, we're all good friends with a lot of spirit."

Adam is also a keen photographer, and is practising his technique to get some really hot pictures of his friends in action.

Controlled, carving aggression from Adam Peacock at Meanwhile Gardens.



DANNY ACTON-BOND

Danny is 15 and can usually be found skating down the sweeping road through Ashton Park in Bristol. He's been skating since last Christmas, in which time he's had four boards — his latest being a Rocker deck with Mid Tracks and Powerflex wheels.

"It's the best freestyle and bank board I could find. The deck is curved to lower the centre of gravity, and give better turning ability. It's like the flex has been frozen into it. My main interests are bank riding and speed, although just recently I've got into freestyle. I rode Skitch Hitchcock's board around for a bit when he left it in Bristol. I must say the Hobie Team's bank riding didn't impress me all that much, although Mike Weed's freestyle did. His tic-tac had a lot of style. Now I'm doing Samoan squats and kickflips.

I like riding skateparks such as Skate City, but I get bored with them quickly. I particularly like doing lip and wood slides."

Danny came third in the speed event in his age group at Crystal Palace, and he's been practicing every night for the local heat of the Nationwide contest. He

rides in Ashton Park for speed runs, but favours a secret place known as the dam for some hairy bank riding.

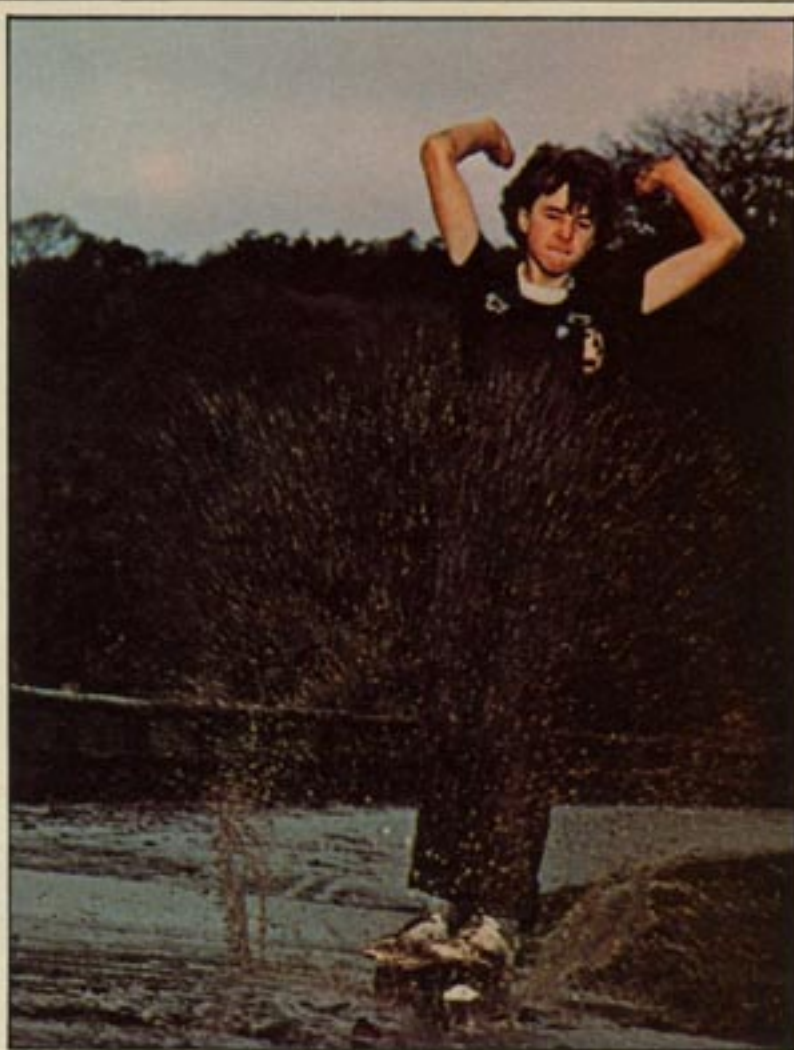
"The dam has got very steep banks and 6ft high speed bumps on it, but there's water at the bottom. I like to lip slide around the top. About ten of us ride there.

I don't worry about style while I'm riding, and I don't try to copy anyone else. I do admire Simon Napper, though."

JEREMY HENDERSON

The number one jet-setting skateboarder in Britain has to be London's Jeremy Henderson! He pops back and forth to America quite regularly to see relations (he lived there for ten years) so who better to assess the relative progress of the UK/USA scenes. He sees many differences. To start with he feels that skateboarding in the States just happened and then kept going on its merry way. Over here everything has been much more organised.

In America, too, Jeremy finds a certain freedom in just being 'one of the crowd'. In Britain, those same skate-



Danny... tracing wet lines in Ashton Park

board skills stamp him out as *the skater's skater*. He's 14 years old and has only been riding for a year and a half. Six months of that time was

spent in the USA — and the experience certainly shows!

Jeremy uses Tracker trucks and wheels-wise, either Powerflex or Tunnel Rocks. Rocks are something of a rarity in Britain. However, both Jeremy and his close friend, John Sablosky will testify to the fact that, when it comes to bowl riding, the wheels are speedy and grip like limpets. He likes ramp-riding — in particular the Hobie and Benji models — and he makes no bones about being a real fan of the Skate City Black Bowl. For a while he also rode the legendary Dust Bowl in Croydon — till the owners decided things were getting out of hand!

In America, like many other skaters, Jeremy searches out pools and pipes for the real thrills. But when he's heading for a bowl, there's only one that really offers what he wants — Uplands. There he'll spend hours perfecting such goodies as stacked backwards kick flips, one and two footed nose and tail 360s, G-Turns, Weed walks, tail-taps and rock-walks.

Already he has stamped his name on the British skate circuit. In the years to come we'll be hearing a lot more of Jeremy Henderson.

Jeremy Henderson, making the right decisions at Skate City's Black Bowl.



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still highlight of the day had to be the visit to a certain secret skate place a few miles outside of the town. No, I'm not saying where it is... that wouldn't be fair, but I promise that our camera team will be back there again soon and we'll be bringing you a full report.

Skateboard! magazine has been asked to help concoct a common set of contest rules. If you've at any time held a skateboard contest of any kind, then please let me know about the rules you used. If everybody's brains can be picked we'll be able to come up with the right answers in the quickest possible way.

I expect there's going to be a great many riders who'll be saving their energies for next Summer, and laying up their gear for a while (more fool you!). Remember, when storing your board, it's absolutely essential you choose a dry place. Three or four months in a damp old garden shed could effectively spell doom for your prized equipment.
BRUCE SAWFORD
Skateboard! Editor

NEXT MONTH.

Star interview, Ellen Berryman — plus, we look at Britain's best female skater. Protective gear checked out and loose bearings maintenance explained. New skate places visited — amazing Arizona pipes photo-feature. Star Shots and radical riders... don't miss it! Competition reminder... *Skateboard!* is accepting entries for last month's Christmas Competition up until January 1st. Don't forget we're giving away 50 autographed copies of the Carvels great single, LA Run (thanks go to Creole Records), 5 Subscriptions to *Skateboard!* magazine and, star prize, the choice of either a G&S Stacy Peralta Warptail Deck plus Tracker Trucks and Road Rider 4 wheels OR the G&S Henry Hester Fibreflex Slalom Deck plus California Slalom trucks and Road Rider Henry Hester wheels AND a set of Rector gloves. For fuller details, check the last issue.



Out 'n' about

Once again, news pours in thick and fast from every corner of this skateboarding isle.

Over to the mad west where the Bristol Skateboard Centre are busily organising their Skatefest '77. It's a 2-day event, held 21st and 22nd December at the Bristol Exhibition Centre, Cannon's Marsh Road, Bristol. Doors open at 10 each morning and for £1.50 per day, here's the sort of entertainment to expect: there'll be a large skateboarding area featuring the famous Emotion ramps. One goes up to the vertical and the other is 45 degrees for lip slides, slalom starts and so on. On day one there's to be slalom and jumping events and on day two, a free-style competition to decide the overall champion. *Skateboard!* Editor, Bruce Sawford has been persuaded to co-judge the infamous goings-on. Apart from all this, you can look forward to non-stop sounds, refreshments, showings of Magic Rolling Board (and other films),

trade displays and much more besides. Safety equipment will be mandatory for all skaters.

The Exeter City Council have stolen the march on many another council. In a notice they recently sent to us they asked us to announce their willingness to lease suitable sites to commercial organisations for the purpose of building skateparks. Applications are invited and any proposals should be as full as possible, ie they should contain details of development costs, safety provisions and proposed ancillary services. Write to D.G. Sainsbury, Exeter City Council, Civic Centre, Exeter EX1 1JN.

Efforts are being made to put together a Wigan Skateboarding Championship. No date's been set as yet, but if this notice provides a good response the organising will swing into action immediately. The planned entry fee is £1.00 and money raised will go towards a charitable cause. All interested should contact G. S. Davey, 2 Churchfield, Shelvington, Wigan. If all goes as expected, a new club could

well come out of it.

Why is the British Safety Council insisting that riders should not make their own skateboards? Anyone who buys the board, wheels and trucks separately is effectively doing just this and, let's face it, it hardly takes a genius to saw out a deck from a sheet of plywood.

In Islington, London, a possible clash of interests between skateboarders and the authorities looms one step nearer with the threat of the re-introduction of an old anti-roller skating law. A test case is well on the cards sometime soon.

Nonsense in newspapers time! Emma Soames writing in the London Evening Standard not only predicts that a strange looking vehicle called the Wizz Cart may take over from the humble skateboard (it's similar to a board except it has three wheels, you sit on it and it has no trucks!) she also believes that skateboarding may soon be banned in the States for safety reasons. When telephoned to ask the source of this startling information, she replied that



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she'd read it somewhere.
Thank you and good night
Ms. Soames.

Club & Team Check

Thanks to John McGough for news of two clubs in the Newcastle Upon Tyne area. One is at the Denton Youth Association run by John himself and Marcus Tinsley (c/o West Denton High School, West Denton, Newcastle Upon Tyne) and the other is at the Westerhope Community Centre and run by Trevor Steele (c/o Westerhope Community Centre, Hillheads Road, Westerhope, Newcastle Upon Tyne). Both



Unknown skater getting lip grip on the turn.

offer cheap equipment, hire facilities, portable wooden ramps and regular skating areas. Stand by for a competition on February 26th/27th.

You can join the Welsh Skateboarding Association by writing to 97 Castle Road, Mumbles, Swansea. There's lots of members already and for a small fee you'll get a membership card, newsletters and a discount at the local Dave Friar surf shop.

Just getting on to its feet is the Leyton Skateboard Club. They meet at the Temple Mills Cycle Racing Track, Leyton, every Wednesday at 4pm. For fuller information write to: Ann Clifton, 14 Downsell Road, Leyton, London E.15.

A big hello to the Dudley Skateboard Club. So far they have around 100 members but more are always welcome. They skate every Tuesday and Thursday night, and all day on Sundays, at the Stafford Street Car Park in Dudley. The area is floodlit and so far, without hassles. A local shop has donated a ramp (built to the specifications given in



Mark Holder 'somewhere' in South-East London riding the pipe he helped co-discover.

Skateboard! magazine). Prospective members contact T. Tighe (club secretary) 21 Eve Lane, Dudley, West Midlands.

Good news for boarders in the Farnborough area. Just formed is the Rushmoor Skateboard Club and not only do they offer skateboard gear at reduced prices from a local dealer, they now have a large wooden ramp, courtesy of the progressively minded council. Write for details to D. Seaton (secretary), 156 Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hants GU14 7JJ.

News is in of the Torbay Skateboarding Association. They've already got a few good skate-spots and possibly soon, a bowl. People interested in joining or arranging competitions, write to Phil Way, 73 Hr Codewell Lane, Shipway, Torquay, S. Devon.

The East Kent Skateboarding Club has just got going in association with the Eagle Sports Club. It's designed to cover the Margate/Ramsgate area and those wanting more information should write c/o 16 Palmer Crescent, Millmead Estate, Cliftonville, Margate. Membership is £1.00. please send sae.

A new East London outfit is the Newham Skateboard Club. They have the use of a

multi-story car park courtesy of Newham Borough Council and also Stratford Central Car Park in Grove Green Crescent. Over 700 skaters turned up on a recent weekend! Membership charge is £1.00. . . write to Skateboard International, 50 Plashet Grove, London E.6

A club in Christchurch, Dorset has just got off the ground and it meets outside the local swimming pool on Saturdays. They've got use of ramps, a slalom run and only charge 25p membership. Contact Andrew Hunt, "Everglades", 13 Hinton Wood Avenue, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Dorset.

Write to Mr. J. Norris, 2 Police House, School Road, Gillingham, Dorset for details of the Gillingham Skateboard Club. They've got the use of a local car park (with slight incline) for the moment and moves are afoot to persuade the council to provide proper facilities.

The Nottingham Skateboard Club now has well over 500 members. Membership costs just 50p per year and for that you get a membership card, a sticker, newsletters, etc. They want to form a girls team so come on all you ladies. . . join up. They also want to hear from any other clubs/teams who would like to take them on in competition. Ring Barry

Crawford or Brian Pluckrose on Nottingham 812588 or call at 104 Edward Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

Members are wanted to help form the Raynes Park Skateboard Escape Club. Write, sending a stamped and addressed envelope, to: Mike and Murray, 44 Southway, Raynes Park, London SW20.

There's a new club in the York area called The Flying Wheels. Having been turned off just about every stretch of concrete in the area, in desperation they approached the Lord Mayor. Apparently he felt it all a passing craze and declined to help! Fortunately the local press have started to champion their cause so the future may be brightening. All interested contact Tom and Will Clowes, 18 Middlethorpe Grove, Dringhouses, York.

Looking for opposition are the Hot Wheels Skateboard Team from Portsmouth. They seem to be into just about everything (including wipe outs!) and they need other teams to compete against. Contact them c/o 91 Hayling Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth, Hants.

Run by 17 year old Mark Sayers is the Bedford and District Skateboard Club. So far they've over 50 members who've all paid 50p each for the 12 monthly newsletters. Every fortnight they've been meeting in the main shopping centre. . . until that is, the police threw them off.

If you'd like to help — or join — contact them by ringing Sandy 82066.

New on the scene is the Ups and Downs Skateboard Club in Croydon. They have 30 members right now and membership costs just 30p. The local Tavistock School is a probable meeting place, but for more information, write to: Mr Colin Batchelor, 26 Adiscombe Avenue, Croydon, Surrey.

You can find the Hearne Hill Hustlers at their twice weekly meetings at Brockwell Park Lido, Dulwich Road, London SE6 — Tuesdays from 6pm and Sundays from 11pm. Also try Crystal Palace later on Sunday afternoons. The annual membership is £1.00 plus 10p for each meeting attended to go towards the costs of facilities.

Interesting pro news is the formation of the UK California Freeformer Skateboard Team. So far, the line up seems to be UK Champion,

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Tim Levis, Lorraine Rosedale (?), Chris Mayle and one of Britain's star riders, John Sablosky. Tim, we hear has been practising the Brian Beardsley routine for a forthcoming commercial where he'll be jumping an MG. I hope he's got an old one to try out on.

Skate Places

London

Tate and Lyle, the sugar people, in conjunction with National Car Parks are planning to open a string of skateparks across the UK and Europe. Top of the list, and first to open, is one in Herbrand Street, London WC1 — scheduled to have opened its doors on December 17th. Being a converted multi-story car park, the facility will be covered and therefore unaffected by the weather. Runs include a beginner's flat land measuring 200' by 60', a beginner's chute — 120' by 16', a speed ramp (132' long) leading to a 26' diameter bowl. Extra fun will be the curved run between floors. There'll also be a cafe, a hire shop and a club room. Future developments are planned for Leeds and Birmingham.

Portland

The Portland Skatepark looks like it's about to receive some more attention. Owner, Lorne Edwards, tells *Skateboard!* that, given reasonable weather, the next phase of the park should be completed soon. This would involve the addition of three new bowls.

Harlow

News from Essex that £10,000 has been made available for phase one of a skatepark. Completion should be around next May. To tide riders over, small ramps have been erected around the town.

Southend

More than 200 Southend skateboarders left their usual haunts when the Southern Skateboard Club opened its doors on November 5th. The club is based on a three acre asphalt area in the centre of the town's greyhound stadium. For around 30p there's use of three ramps, a slalom course with a ramp start and some high jump fences. More will be added if the venture is successful.



Steve Kane, getting high over a double kick flip at the South Bank.

Wadebridge

Cornwall does it again! Suddenly, in an old corn store in Commissioners Road, Wadebridge has sprung up a single bowl. The area is around 2,000 square feet and the highest bank is 14 feet. John Geogh, the owner, allows 14 riders into the bowl at a time and he charges 20p per half hour, 30p per hour plus 5p per hour for hire of helmet if needed. The place is open 7 days a week, from 10am to 10pm. First reports to reach us from deepest Cornwall suggest that radical isn't the word... some say nearly impossible! Skateboard! is going to have a look.

Brighton

News that the council may be backing off its original plan of insisting on a non-commercial park, or nothing at all. A good compromise might be an excellent idea dreamed up by Skateboard Association man, John Williams. He suggests a commercial park surrounded by a free skating area. Could be a good idea. Any developers interested are asked by him to contact the council.



Nose diving at three o'clock - Mark Holder.

Swansea

Word has come in of plans to build a proper park in the Fforestfach Greyhound Stadium. The design would apparently be based on the Skate City concept. Opening is due early in the New Year.

Bolton

A giant indoor skateboard centre is planned at the former Wryton Wrestling Stadium, Higher Bridge Street, Bolton. The £60,000 project is due to be completed by early next year provided planning goes ahead without problem. Facilities will include a straight downhill into a 12 foot high bowl, a snake run and an 18 foot diameter half pipe. To complete the amenity there'll be freestyle and slalom flatlands plus a cafe.

Exeter

West country company, Pandock Limited, have plans to convert a vacant factory into an extensive indoor skateboard park. The total area available is 47,000 square feet! Planning application is with the Exeter City Council so let's hope this mammoth venture soon gets under way.



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Thanks to James Fox for writing to tell us that £100,000 is going to be spent developing parks at Syston, Sapcote and one just over the border in Nottinghamshire. The project, which is the brainchild of Colin McLeod, starts rolling on December 3rd when the first park is opened at his club, the Wanlip Countryside Club, in Syston. It'll cater for beginners and more mature riders. Later on, an advanced stage is planned.

London

Wandsworth Council have, we are told, approved plans to erect a skatepark on the site of the old disused open air theatre at Battersea Park.

Newbury

Planning application has been submitted to the Newbury District Council for permission to convert a large building in West Street into a skatepark. Plans include the provision of bowls, half pipes and a freestyle area.

Liskeard

15 acres of beautiful countryside looks like becoming available for the building of a park. The council have provisionally approved of the scheme and, subject to finance being finalised, the facility may be completed by next summer.

Westward Ho! and Barnstaple
News from Brian Adams (of

the Many Returns Surf Shop and team) of two more possible Devonian sites. Firstly, Brian himself has applied for a lease on the old go-cart track on Westward Ho! Size-wise it's as big as a soccer pitch and car parking is available. Secondly, the local council has been checking on an old dump site in Barnstaple for the possibility of building a skateboard park.

Lewisham

An exciting plan for Londoners is the Lewisham Skatepark planned for opening in the New Year. In conjunction with the National Skateboarding Association, the Council is building a good sized skateboard area in Fordham Park — opposite New Cross Station. There'll be a 200' long freestyle flatland, bowls and slalom runs, and snakes. A hire shop and a cafe will complete the picture.

Finally, some quick reports. Nick Farren confirms some delay in the finishing of his Malibu Dog Bowl in Nottingham — the opening date has yet to be decided.

For the hungry skaters of Norfolk, why not get along to the car park in Rouen Road in Norwich. The surface is good and it's got slope. Only on Sundays though because cars use it the rest of the week. Can anyone tell *Skateboard!* about rumoured parks at Normanton near Wakefield and at Dewsbury? Information please!



We have separation — at Meanwhile

SKATE LINE

EUROPE'S HOTTEST

Your magazine is certainly 'Europe's Hottest Skateboard Magazine!' like it says on the cover. My friends and I have used many of the colour photographs to decorate our walls: Do you make any posters of the hottest stars in action which we could buy? Skateboarding is not so big here in Italy yet, not like Germany and Britain, but we are catching on fast and many of my friends are buying boards when we can find them in shops. Can we get your magazine regularly in Italy? And will you print some pictures of French, German or even, yes!, Italian skateboarders soon? Hoping that my English is not so bad and that you can answer these questions.
Luisa Viri, Milano, Italy.

O.K. Luisa, if your skating is as good as your English you deserve some answers! You can get *Skateboard!* regularly in Italy (or anywhere else in Europe) by subscribing as instructed in our Subscription Offer elsewhere in the magazine. Yes we are planning to feature a lot more European skaters in forthcoming issues. Posters? Well, I guess I can let you into a little secret. We are about to publish a monthly poster magazine using the best skateboarding photographers and skaters from around the world. The first issue will be out in the U.K. in December and monthly from then on. It's going to be called *Skateboard Champions!* and crammed with really dynamite photographs and posters. Ed.

Thank you, Andrew Westgate from Hove, Sussex for this great poem!

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a 360, what's that he'd say.
A street pizza? Off the lip,
The talk was so hip.
No instructions on the box,
From the U.S.A.

So he sat at home and thought out
A new way.
Balance, grace and poise,
And the only noise,
Was urethane on gravel,
From the U.S.A.

When he rode again in competition
He laughed at the decision.
No judge can judge this man,
They'd say.
He doesn't do the things we do,
He doesn't copy the U.S.A.

WATERY WIPEOUTS?

I'm an American living now in Holland, so imagine my delight finding *Skateboard!* on the stands in Amsterdam. I'd already heard of your mag from friends in West Germany, but I wasn't prepared for the degree of excellence exhibited by your magazine and the British skateboarding fraternity. If the photos are anything to go by, some of your skaters could stand up to the most radical outlaws in L.A. back home.

You might like to know that skateboarding is exploding now here and, from what I hear, in Germany too. If it's action you're after, come to Amsterdam and watch some of the locals 'slaloming' around the trees that line the edges of the canals in this city. It has to be seen to be believed! Keep up the fine work.
Bill Swart, Gouda, Holland.
We believe it... but do they wear lifejackets?! Ed.

A MODEL SKATEBOARDER

I was stuck in one day with nothing to do, as it was too wet to go skateboarding - so I decided to try and make some model skateboarders out of some old soldiers I got for Christmas a few years ago. They were the ones you assemble yourself. I painted them in flashy colours like the Hobie gear, then made boards out of cardboard which look like the Logan Earth Skis. There's only one problem - I can't find anything to represent wheels and trucks.

The mag is really neat - especially the colour pics!
Simon Wall, Guilford.

Any other bright ideas for grounded skaters? Ed.

TIME TO HANG UP THE WHEELS?

I am writing in answer to Roger D. Crier's letter in issue 3, to let him know that he's not the only skater over the age of twenty.

Here in the south-west there are lots of old-timers, surfer-skaters. I first started skateboarding in 1969. Competition roller skates screwed on to a plank of wood, going straight down hills - then Hammaco's £5.95 set with wheels.

But with only poor equipment and heavy police and local council activity, the sport faded, but now I'm glad to say it's back in a big way.

Although mainly a surfer, when the surf's down I like to skate - so if you too are over twenty just go out and do it - you may fall and kids will laugh at you, but nobody's perfect and even the pros blow it sometimes! I think the *Skateboard!* is doing a great deal for the sport in Britain.
Nigel Whittaker, Dawlish, Devon.

These days we're getting just as many letters from the over twenties as the unders, so it's time the oldies stopped feeling so self-conscious. As long as you stay fit there's no reason why you shouldn't be showing those 10 year old skate cats a thing or two... Ed.

THE GEORDIES ARE COMING...

The north-east of England is thought of as a big place for pitmen - BUT! our skate cats are getting hotter than ever, and I myself am pretty good at 360s, wheelies and bank riding. The local council has given us a path to use, and it's always packed with skaters, and we are in the middle of winning a battle to get a skatepark to rival you London cats. We have a club called the Newcastle Panthers, so watch out Tim Levis and you other London kids, the Geordies are ON THE ADVANCE. It's a radical mag, Bruce and Maggi!
Chuck Sheldon,
Don Roman,
Lemington, Newcastle.

SKATE VIGILANTE

Having looked through your latest issue, I saw no less than eleven pictures of the so called stars in action, and none of them were wearing crash helmets. And yet you preach the safety code, i.e. always wearing protective gear. It hardly encourages the wearing of safety equipment when one knows that any example set by the aces will be copied by their followers.

I paid a visit to Skateboard Escape, Portland last week, and approximately 50% of the skaters were without helmets - and supervision relating to safety was non-existent. I feel it would be a pity for skateboarding to be labelled as dangerous and irresponsible but if the people who hold the reins, i.e. yourselves and the managers and promoters don't set an example, then no doubt it will get bad publicity. On the other side of the coin, when I visited Skate City, in spite of huge numbers of skaters, the management were doing a grand job to ensure safety.
D. J. Wiseman, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

We applaud you, Mr. Wiseman for keeping such a sharp eye on things, and agree that it would be better if all our pictures featured skaters wearing helmets. But until the day when the wearing of safety equipment is made compulsory by law, there will always be those skaters who won't use it. It's also unlikely that protective gear will ever be made compulsory for freestylers, as it actually impedes their performances. If we have a par-

ticularly hot picture of a skater without safety gear, we will still print it. We prefer to credit our readers with the sense not to be sheep-like in the copying of others. And although there were 11 photographs of skaters without crash helmets (7 of whom wore other protective gear like elbow pads) we also published 22 photographs of skaters with helmets in that issue!

IN SHORT

Just a line to say thanks for featuring 'The Art of Skateboarding' article in your October edition. Thanks to you I can now do a perfect 360 and a good walking the dog. I've been trying to do these manoeuvres for months! Keep up the good work!
Gerry Burke, Dumbarton, Scotland.

Unfortunately, Paul Simmons who draws 'The Art of Skateboarding' for us, recently fell off his skateboard and broke a bone in his wrist. That means this month he's having to take a break from the drawing-board! He should be back with us next issue. Ed.

We'd just like to say that *Skateboard!* is really great, the best ever, and way ahead of any other pseudo skate publication. Some writers must think we're really thick with the garbage they turn out. It's obvious they don't know the first thing about the sport. Keep those issues coming, we're all impatiently waiting to add to our collection.
Steve and Sue, Leicester.

We print your criticisms, so it's nice to print some lavish praise once in a while too! Ed.

Could you give me some information on Skate City in London. I would like to know the opening and closing times - also the entrance fees. I think your magazine is fantastic. I love the photos and all the information about skateboard gear. I have a Super Skuda Deck with ACS 651 trucks and R/R 4 red wheels.
Michael Gardner, Lower Wock, Worcester.

Michael... good to hear from you. Skate City is open seven days a week and there's two sessions a day. The first is from 9.30 to 1 (morning) and the second, 1.30 to 5.00 (afternoon). A session costs 75p, plus the first time you go, there's an extra 25p for the cost of a badge. Hire of protective equipment is 50p a session, hire of a board, also 50p.

World News

Japan

AKI AKIYAMA has held the Japanese Championship title for three years — which is just about as long as he has been skating. And judging by the performance he put in at the World Championships at Long Beach, California, he's a hot contender for the World Title, as well. The top American skaters seem to think so. They showed their appreciation and liking for him with a great display of clapping and whistling when his name was announced. But then Aki is an old friend — and a highly respected one after he took tenth place at the San Diego World Championship two years ago — and he'd only been skating for six months!

Skateboarding took a hold in Japan about three years ago, and they already have three skateparks. Unfortunately, the builders didn't really have a clue about the sport, and so they built super huge pools, with walls over 4 metres high — and with such steep verticals they are virtually impossible to ride successfully. The Japanese Skateboarding Association petered out through lack of support, and as of now they have no publications on the subject. But they do have 30,000 skaters, and an annual contest — which Aki has won every time.

"If I could stay in the States longer," Aki told us, "I reckon I could soon beat them all, especially in freestyle."

Aki certainly turned out a good performance in the Long Beach freestyle event, even though he'd only learnt a routine two days beforehand! He rates Mike Weed

and Ed Nadalin as the hottest freestylers in the world, and was very impressed with the slalom techniques of our own Tim Levis.

Aki's manager, Masahiko Kito owns a shop in Japan, and used to run the association. California Pro export a lot of boards to Japan, but they make their own trucks and wheels — although Kito rates them as rather too hard. Aki also has his own brand of skate shoes, designed for extra grip, which he exports to the States.

Says Aki: "You can only get good by skating a lot — I do it practically all the time. Being a karate black belt helps a lot, too."

Canada

Steve Ibbertsen is the Canadian Freestyle Champion, he also holds the Canadian High Jump Record of 4'2". He rides for Bennett Boards, is 16 years old, lives in Toronto and has only been skating for a year!

"I get really mad," he told us, "because people keep promising to build all these skateparks in Canada, and we still haven't got even one! It drives me nuts, because you in England have got some parks, and we've been skating longer than you have. I've designed an indoor park, which I hope will be built soon. Our parks will have to be indoors, because in winter the land is 4' deep in snow."

Steve practices his skating at every opportunity. This is his average day: Get up at 7 am and do push-ups, then out for an hour's skating. Skate to school on his board, practice for an hour at lunchtime. Skate home at 4.30, and practice until dinner at 6.30. After dinner, skate until 10.30. When asked if he ever does anything else,

he answered "Yes, sleep and eat."

Steve was invited to the World Championships in Los Angeles, and was knocked out to meet Brian Beardsley, Curt Lindgren and Ty Page.

"Brian is my idol, I guess. When I first saw him jump a car, I thought 'One day I'm

going to do that' — and I have! There are only two of us in Canada who can do it. I'll try to do anything nobody else can do. I tried jumping off the top of a loaded truck on a skateboard — I landed on my feet — but my skateboard hit me on the head . . ."

New Zealand

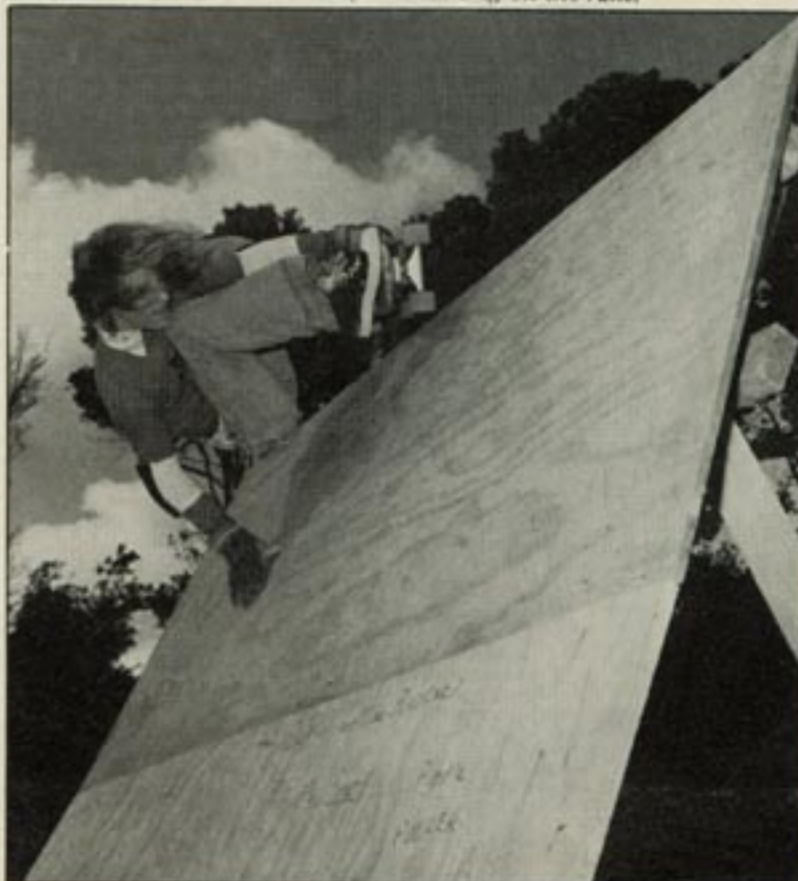
The skateboard explosion burst upon New Zealand around the same time it hit the UK. Early sixties provided the usual quota of bad equipment, police busts and slow decline. Then in '75 came revival.

Paul Smit, manager of Trax, pulled together the New Zealand Skateboard Association to try to counter the adverse press the sport was getting and now the scene is a whole lot healthier. Already there's a rash of

facilities in municipal parks and for the most part, they are free. The idea is they run themselves.

Number one Trax rider, Peter Boronski, has just won the 2nd NZ National Championships (held September last) and for his pains, he wins a trip to the US. By all accounts Peter is something of a power performer and Stateside's premier skateboarding magazine, Skateboarder, recently described him as a stylist.

Below: Airborne Boronski — New Zealand No 1. Right: 10 year old Californian rider, Eric Dressen, kick turning on the rails.









SKATA DATA

Hybrids & Accessories Checkout

This month's Check Out breaks from its normal pattern. We take a look at two alternative power sources, one visible and one invisible — motorboards and sailing skateboards. The Dirt Board also comes under review. . . this may turn out to be a popular new development in the sport. Finally, remember to send any technical queries direct to me at Techno Talk. Problems, ideas, tips — whatever's on your mind, I'm happy to hear about it. **DAVID GOLDSMITH**

Motorized skating — is it a cop out?

The answer has to be a resounding "perhaps". Some would argue that it's noisy, lazy, nothing to do with skateboarding, limited in

potential etc. Others, like me, would argue that it's a welcome way of resting one's thigh muscles. Especially if you've tic-tacked more times than you've eaten strong mints and pumped more turns than Arnold Schwarzenegger has pumped iron.

You just stand there, wriggling your thumb on the hand throttle and grinning at all the many eye-popping spectators who tend to appear when there's a motorboard around. It's a gas. It runs on two-stroke, it's got one-wheel drive, and a flexible deck. It's fast but it isn't quite as fast as a police car as Jamie Mylne of Alpine Sports recently found out when he went out for a spin round South Kensington. After all, motorboards aren't

Kokon Chung



Above: Bristol's Pete Christopherson at the helm of his wind board. Left: Three strange pieces of skateboard furniture. Top — the Bristol Motorboard, centre — the Alpine Motoboard, bottom — the one and only Dirtboard.

Richard Davies

exactly licensed for use on the road, let alone making right turns at "no right turns" and driving the wrong way down one way streets. But then you tend to blow your mind when let loose on a motorboard.

As yet there is only one motorboard actually made for sale, and of course it comes from the USA. The "Motoboard" has a 23cc chainsaw motor which is fixed to the back truck. It turns when the truck turns. The motor drives one of the back wheels by means of a chain.

Down in Bristol the motorboard industry is also taking off. John White has produced a slightly different vehicle which has a motor mounted underneath the deck. This is a much neater design, enabling the back foot to reach the kicktail for tricks. Unfortunately this arrangement also makes the air intake rather vulnerable to dirt intake, but John hopes to iron this problem out. In fact he expects to have a Mark Two version available for sale in the next few months. Price to be decided.

Cast your skate to the wind
Take a wide open tarmac area like a disused airfield, a brisk wind and a sailing skateboard and you have the perfect ingredients for one of skateboarding's more exciting spinoffs. Pete Christopherson, whose skateboarding history includes three knockouts and many another hairy experiences, recently introduced us to this new diversion at an airfield on the outskirts of Bristol.

The beauty of the equipment is its simplicity. A normal skateboard deck is converted to take a sail by simply screwing a plastic socket cup near the front truck. Insert the mast with its wishbone boom and sail and you're off. Even with a relatively small sail area, the power of the wind is pretty formidable and the board accelerates very rapidly. Controlling the machine is largely a question of the rider's strength against the sail and even a five minute ride is a back breaking feat. But the thrill is huge and if the land being used is limited in size, it is possible to 'tack' the craft so as to sail in a circle.

Bristol Skateboard Centre, along with their sister company, the Windcraft Co.,



are developing the technology of the sailing skateboard with their knowledge of wind-surfing, the new sport which is exploding on the seas almost as fast as skateboarding on dry land. They have already built a 'land-board' which fits the same sail and rides over rough terrain.

Fireball wheels road test

A fair amount of excitement was whipped up by our mention of these new, spherical wheels two issues back.

The first interesting measurement one comes up with is the sheer size of this wheel. Its diameter is a full 75mm — a real monster height which one doesn't really appreciate when viewing the wheel from its side. The second point worth noting is that, in spite of an overall width of 50mm, the width actually used in normal skating amounts to just about 20mm. The remaining 30mm only really comes into play when the board is slammed into a powerslide.

The most stunning property of the Fireball, and one which one doesn't normally refer to when describing a wheel's performance, is its turning response. I slotted my set on to a pair of Bennett Pro Ads which had previously housed four Yoyos. The Bennetts weren't very well run in — the rubbers were still a little on the stiff side. Suddenly I felt as if I was skating on different trucks. The Fireballs seem just to roll into the direction of the turn without any effort. An impressive sensation and one that allows for fast changes in direction.

The only drawback that might arise with the Fireball is that it will probably wear to become a flat-surfaced

Above: Fireball wheels run on a band of only 20mm. In a tight turn they roll towards their rims.

wheel after a period of use. This is not a serious fault — the wheel will merely adopt a more standard performance, I suspect.

And finally... is an extra riser pad necessary with a 75mm wheel? With this particular design, the answer is no. I was using a half inch riser with the Yoyos (60mm diameter) but there was no need for an additional pad — the wheel curves away so much that, at its rim, it measures only 59mm diameter, and even in tight turns there is no rub-out.

Looner Landskates, who make the Fireball, tell me that a new 80 durometer formula is being developed. They are also working on a 60mm diameter version to be launched soon.

Rad Pads diminish circles

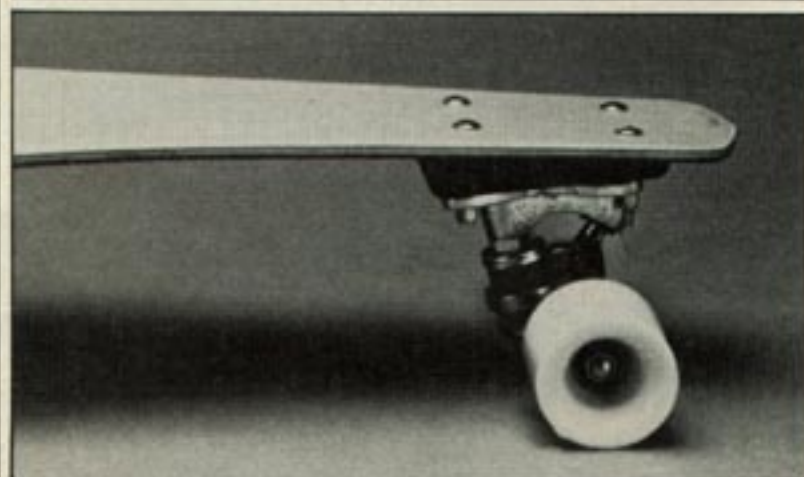
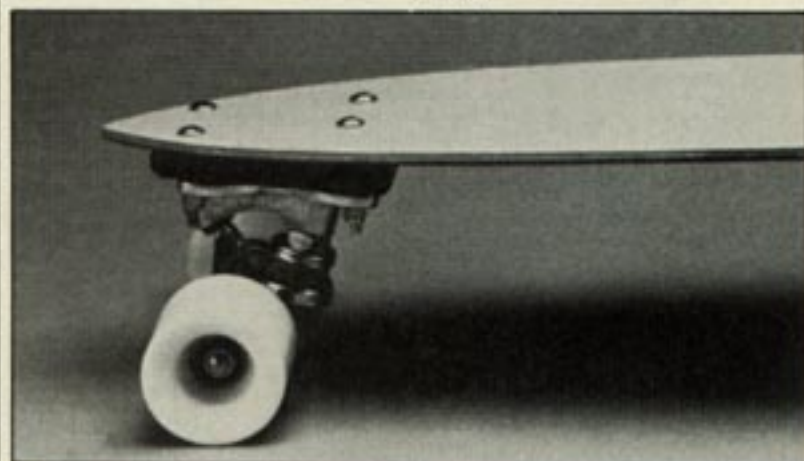
Ever thought of making your trucks turn smaller circles? Not a bad idea if you like tackling impossible slalom courses or doing rapid U-turns in busy skateparks.

There are two ways of making your trucks turn more tightly. One method is to shift your trucks closer together. This has one drawback — if you take it too far you'll end up with a see-saw. Alternatively how about fitting wedge-shaped riser pads? It may sound a strange idea if you haven't seen them before but the thinking behind them is quite simple and sensible. A truck is normally screwed on to a deck so that the deck and base plate are parallel. But if you tilt the trucks forwards or backwards it is possible to alter their turning radius. Try this simple experiment and you'll see what I mean.

Grab your skateboard and tip it on to its front wheels (a manual nose-wheelie!). Tilt the deck from side to side and you should find that the truck turns with much less effort than when all four wheels are on the ground. The reason is that you are applying extra leverage to the truck.

The same effect is obtained if wedge risers are fitted so that their thick sides face inwards under the deck. If they are fitted in the opposite way (with the thin

Below: Rad Pads fitted in these positions produce very tight turns.



sides facing inwards) the turning circle of the trucks is increased and the board is stabilised.

Rad Pads are the only wedge risers you can buy and they're pretty pricey, but they do work. Basically they come in three different "Systems". There are wedges of different angles and two different materials for alternative hardness (rubber or urethane). The most popular use of Rad Pads is as we've shown in the photo — to increase the turning power of a slalom board, but either pad can be fitted the other way around to suit your preferences. Another popular use is as an alternative to normal riser pads for eliminating rub-outs. A Rad Pad cures rub-outs by lowering the truck more than the amount it raises the deck. A useful tip for Tracker users!

Skid plates

If you're into tail-tapping, stop 'n' gos and other similar tricks you can gain extra control by fitting a skid plate to the back of the board. Although they're a relatively new idea I've already discovered three different types. The Dual Skid Plate can be screwed either below your deck's tail for protection and as an aid to control, or it can be fitted on the top surface of a flat deck to convert it to a kicktail.

The BB Skid Plate and Power Pivot are round and oval respectively. Both should be good shapes for extra control. The Power Pivot sells

for around £2.50, the others are around half that price.

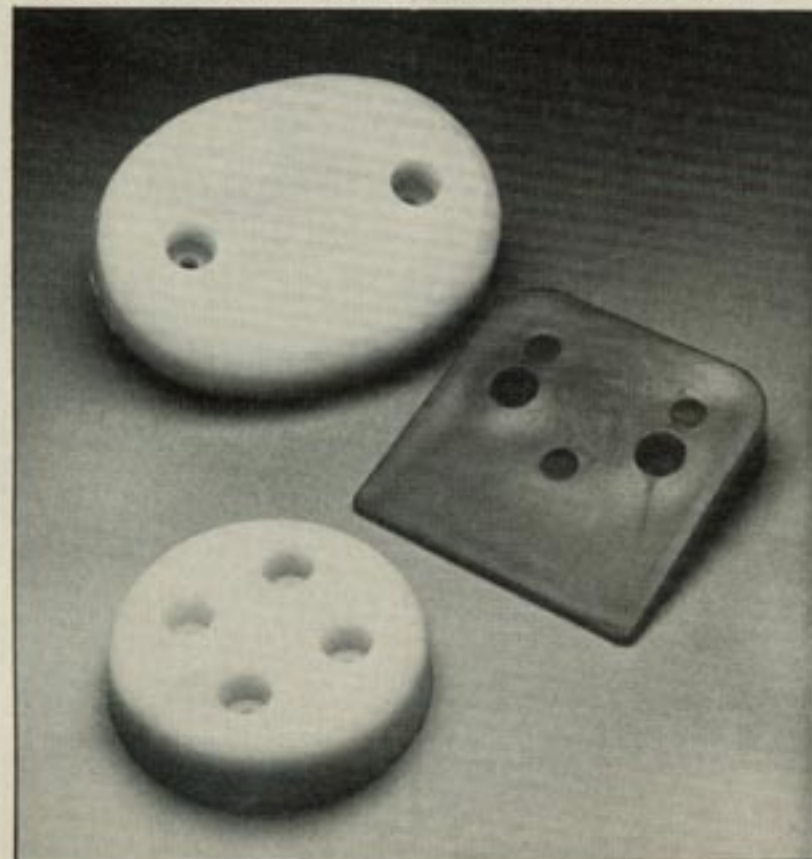
The dirt board

Smooth concrete, paving and asphalt make great skating surfaces — if you can find them. Frustrated skateboarders outside of the towns can now take comfort in the news that equipment purpose built to ride rough terrain is on the way.

We recently took a look at the Go-For-It Dirt Board, a hunky machine designed to ride hills and absorb the bumps. The 4WD wheels are 130mm in diameter, about twice the normal size. They comprise of a normal urethane wheel, covered by a larger, slip-over spongy tyre. The deck is 65" long with two ariel bindings for jumping streams and mole hills. The trucks are standard — ours was fitted with ACS 650's.

The drawbacks of the Dirt Board are rather obvious on close examination. The huge wheels contain a pair of standard bearings which are not designed to take this sort of strain. Our board had developed considerable play on the axle after a short period of use. If these bearings could be replaced with tougher ones and if the trucks could be beefed up a little, we reckon that dirt boarding could really catch on in a big way. Maybe a British manufacturer would like to try his hand at developing this type of technology.

*Above top: The Power Pivot.
Centre: The Dual Skid Plate.
Bottom: The BB Skid Plate.*

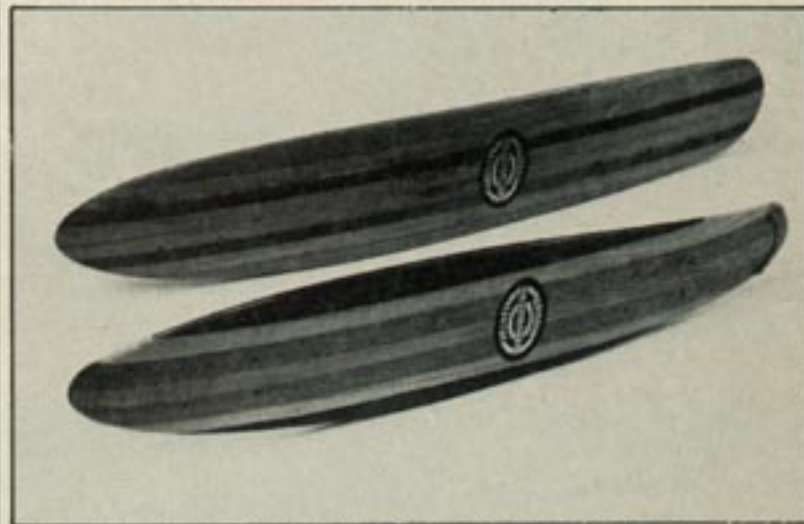


New Products

Bristol Skateboard Centre, masters of the unpredictable, have sent us their latest concept in rockers. Built by the same accomplished team who make Buttlock models, they've really come up with the goods this time. The two Robilliard Custom Boards shown in the photo are called the Modern Rocker and the Woodflex. Both can be made to order for length, width and flex. The Woodflex at £20 is a full rocker with a fibreglass sandwich centre. The Modern Rocker (£32) features a rocker plus an extended kick-tail and has inlaid brass skid

plate and nose trim. Both models appear very functional in shape, having a wide foot platform and tail. Very tasty!

Finally, Benjyboards have shown us a radical new truck design. The Rebound is the first truck to appear with two sets of rubber cushions. Up to now it has been necessary to use a soft wheel to get a smooth ride. The Rebound however, is made to absorb shock within its mechanism. Naturally this is one for our test team. They're off out for a little light pavement and cobblestone practise!



Above: The handmade Robilliard wood flex (top, £20) and Modern Rocker (below, £32)



*Above: Taper flex 27" with a layer of inlaid wood on the top surface (approx retail £20).
Below: The Redbound Truck is designed to give increased shock absorption (5 1/2 inch axle, retail approx. £12.50)*



This Month's Reader's Tip

I have noticed in many photos of skateboarders that the sole of one shoe was worn through. This also happens to my training shoes, but now I patch them with a motor cycle puncture repair kit which solves the problem. I hope this tip will be helpful to other skateboarders. (Submitted by Grant Robinson, Woodford Wells, Essex)

Don't forget, everybody, that *Skateboard!* is giving away a free year's subscription to the magazine to the sender of each month's hottest tip. Send your suggestions — and of course any technical queries you may have — to me, Dave Goldsmith, at *Skateboard!* Magazine, 14 Rathbone Place, London W1P 1DE.

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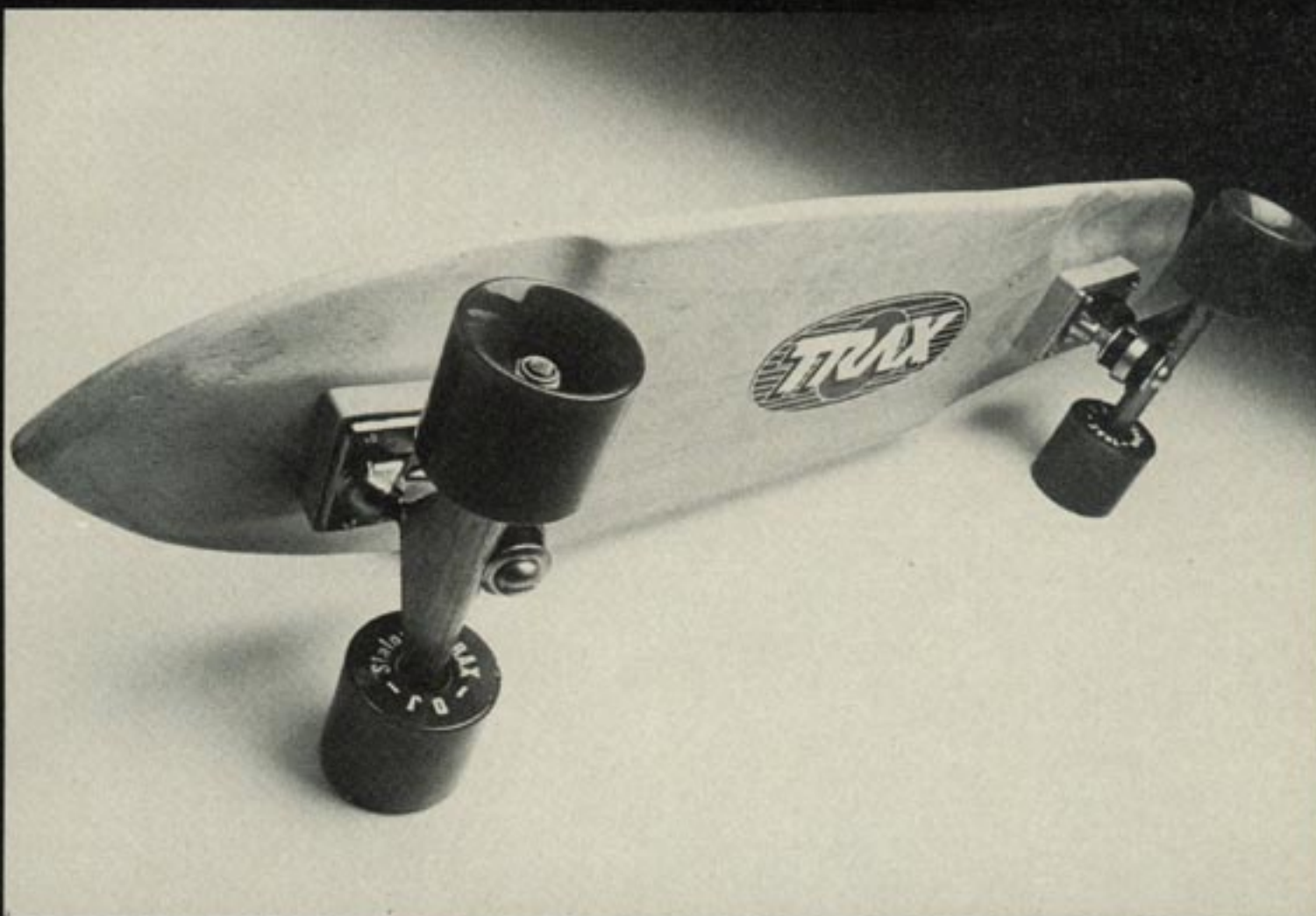
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SKATEBOARDING... WHERE TO NOW?

The close of 1977 is a good time to pause and reflect on the state of skateboarding in this country. To gain an overall impression we put a similar list of questions to four prominent people and the results, we think you'll agree, make pretty interesting reading.

ED HOLT, LIASION OFFICER BETWEEN THE SPORTS COUNCIL AND THE SKATE- BOARD ASSOCIATION.



Do you think skateboarding should be banned from the streets?

We would encourage the local authorities to get skateboarding off the streets by providing proper facilities, we certainly wouldn't say that it should be banned out of hand. But in the streets skateboarders are liable to run into pedestrians. This is not to say that cyclists don't get into accidents with pedestrians too, but at least cyclists do have brakes. An inexperienced skateboarder may not know how to stop. No one has collected statistics on accidents in skateboarding on a wide enough geographical basis or over a long enough period for them to be accurate. Such figures have a bad affect when the media pick them up and start quoting them at random.

So how will the Sports Council be helping skateboarding directly?

We have nine regional offices, each of which keep in touch with the local authorities. We

can present papers and influence the decisions on whether or not to build facilities. We have produced a data sheet on the design and construction of skateparks, to give preliminary guidance on how, what and why to provide. Facilities must test the skaters abilities, otherwise they will go elsewhere, and this is one of the things we are advising the authorities to guard against. If they provide something too simple the kids will get bored. We advise the authorities to phase development. Firstly so that they don't commit themselves to a very large expenditure, and secondly so that the progression of technique can go hand in glove with the development of facilities. One of the joys of the sport is that it doesn't take months and years to become proficient, but the kids who do put a lot

of time into it are really devoted, and are always going to be pushing the limits of possibility.

Will the association be providing any help with coaching schemes?

This is one of our key areas of concern. The association is drawing up a coaching manual, and hope to have it ready by the end of the year. It will be aimed at the novice rather than the more advanced. We then intend to train individuals regionally to act as coaches.

Can you see any way around the professional/amateur status problem that is arising in the sport?

The Football Association has a rule that footballers can't turn pro until they are 17 — the skateboard association might wish to adopt that attitude. We'd like to see amateurs and pros take part in the same competitions. If the skateboard association did come out with a hard and fast rule that it is anti prize money or anti pro, it's very likely that a rival pro body would be set up, and we'd be split into am and pro which wouldn't be in the best interests of the sport. The best people would be creamed off, and it would make a rift.

Would it not be a good idea for us to seize the initiative in this country, and approach the sport on an international basis — a national team, for example?

Yes, this is bound to happen. Once The Skateboard Association is able to develop it's own national championship, they will be able to produce a team to represent this country from that. The association hopes to evolve it's own competition which will be THE national championship next summer. The vice-chairman of the

Skateboard Association, John Williams, is collating a set of rules at the moment. He has all the information available at the present time — rules from America, those from the Evening News competition — and then we hope to be in a position to say these are the official rules. Of course they will always be open to amendment.

The Sports Council's role is to promote the sport, and we're giving it all the help we can. We have already given grant aid to Meanwhile Gardens, and we gave £16,000 to Lewisham as a prototype scheme. They are building a park at the moment, which should be finished by the new year. We have two types of grants we can give, major grants for larger schemes to local authorities, and minor grants for clubs. Allocations of grants are made every four months, skateboarding will have to take it's place alongside all the other sports.

BARRY WALSH, CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH SKATE- BOARD ASSOCIATION AND CHIEF PRESS OFFICER OF THE BRITISH SAFETY COUNCIL.

We would like to establish certain standards for all skateboarding equipment, and British Standards are interested in doing some work for us. We will ask all the manufacturers in the trade to submit equipment, and set up a committee of experts and members of the association. There will be scientific tests of strength, stretch and durability, as well as tests in action carried out

by skateboarders themselves. I'm sure many of the boards on the market will meet these standards, but we hope to get rid of the boards which aren't so good. All equipment that has passed the tests will bear the British Standards mark, and it would be in the manufacturers' interests to have their boards tested in this way.

At the moment I feel that the money side of things is breaking the sport. Not a penny has gone from the manufacturers back into the sport yet. My suggestion is that they get a trade association together, retailers,

If bicycling came out on the streets for the first time this week there'd be an up-roar — you're giving a kid of seven the opportunity to ride in the road with ten ton trucks! Of course more accidents are happening on the pavements, because there aren't the parks for them to go to. The kids are competing with an unfair environment. **How can the association help the future of British skateboarding?**

A lot of kids who aren't good at the traditional sports such as football are really good at skateboarding. It's the most exciting sport this century,



manufacturers and importers, and they put a levy on all the boards that they sell. Everything they sell would bear the trade association mark on it. They could then help to fund our association. We would set up coaching schemes in the nine Sports Council regions throughout Britain. They've agreed to help, if we could put up some money, the local authorities too. We could offer to help local authorities build skateparks, and produce a news sheet to inform the consumer on how to get value for money. The manufacturers have got the power and the money to make or break the sport — all we've got is the love of the sport, the kids' interest and the official government backing. **Do you think it necessary to ban skateboarding from the streets?**

and it's universally available to everybody. We have got to stop looking to the States as some kind of Mecca. It's a completely different sport here, it's got a hard, tough city edge, it's not Beach Boys and California blue sky.

My main concern is to protect the kids from the commercial side. A kid who is being paid by a shop or manufacturer to ride their skateboards is jeopardising his amateur status in other sports as well. He will immediately be classed a professional. It is a breach of the Young Persons Act, anyway. In other sports it is illegal to pay a child anything until he is 17. In some sports there are kids who'll cross the world just for a trophy, some kids I know won't skateboard unless they get paid for it.

MARCUS LIPTON MP

My attitude is quite simple: there should be no skateboarding on the pavements, and the provision of skateboard areas should be made by local authorities. I have no objection to the Sports Council forming a Skateboard Association, but I think skateboard equipment is grossly overcharged and should be examined by the Prices Commission.

I think your *Skateboard!* magazine is a lavish production, no doubt heavily subsidised by skateboard manufacturers out of the high profits that they make." (What Mr. Lipton meant by this last remark we aren't quite sure — certainly none of the costs of the magazine are met directly by manufacturers! All magazines of this type and newspapers need the revenue from advertisers — otherwise they would run at a loss! In this context,



Skateboard! is not subsidised by manufacturers any more than any other publication. In view of Mr Lipton's recent outspoken remarks on skateboarding we'd hoped for fuller and better thought out replies to our questions. The result is disappointing to say the least).



DENIS HOWELL MP, MINISTER OF SPORT

What is your attitude to skateboarding?

In so far as it enables youngsters to exercise in the open air and it's an outlet for youthful energy and high-spirits, I welcome this new sport.

What do you think of Marcus Lipton's views, that skateboarding should be banned from the streets?

It's one thing to ban skateboarding from the streets, quite another to enforce such a ban. I don't believe this negative approach is the right answer. We must encourage the provision of simple facilities by local authorities. I think that if the facilities were there, most youngsters would prefer to use them. I'm

glad to say that some local authorities have adopted a more positive position, and I hope many more will. I welcome the Sports Council's initiative in forming the association.

Do you think that the kids are being exploited by manufacturers?

This is a risk that applies to any new sport introduced from abroad. Any evidence of exploitation comes within the field of consumer protection, and should be referred to the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection.

Have you ever tried to skateboard yourself?

Yes, I had a go during the West Midland Skateboard Seminar. None of my four children have tried it — yet!

14-year old Steve Ruffing
getting lost in the graffiti at
Scron Pool in the S.F. Valley,
California. Steve rides for the
Ampul Skateboard Team.

Photograph by Doug Hemmell



MECHANICS & MAINTENANCE

One good turn deserves another. Look after your equipment and it will look after you.

TRUCK SECRETS

If turning a skateboard boiled down to simply yanking a steering wheel it just wouldn't have quite the same appeal! The skateboard truck is beautiful because it takes the thinking out of turning. The 'double-action' truck, first patented by a Chicago company some 20 years ago, hasn't changed much since. Double-action trucks in one form or another are used on 9 out of 10 boards nowadays. The familiar design, the upright king-pin with hanger, has a lot in the way of simplicity going for it. The cost of production is low and the reliability, high.

The term 'double-action' refers to the fact that the mechanism pivots at two points as the deck is tilted. As the deck tilts, so the hanger twists inside the two rubber cushions while at the same time pivoting inside its baseplate socket. These two actions turn the axle and push one wheel ahead of the other, thus creating the steering effect.

There have been various attempts in the last two years to improve on the double-action truck. Most of these have met with failure. Some manufacturers have made the truck a very complicated mechanism, with a consequent increase in the number of parts. Others have substituted springs for rubbers. Unfortunately, this has never produced the right qualities for quick response.

In fact, rubber cushions are as popular as ever and if it wasn't for the fact that they soften and crack they would be ideal. The hardness of your rubbers is as important to the performance of your board as the hardness of your wheels. Rubbers which are too hard don't allow the yoke to twist sufficiently. Rubbers which are too soft let you turn but don't bring you

back.

Two trucks have appeared recently which are worth a mention for their unconventional design. The *Gull Wing* features rubber cushions at the heart of the mechanism but the king-pin (or action bolt) is set at an angle of 30 degrees to the baseplate. On a conventional truck, this angle is 75 to 80 degrees. The importance of the *Gull Wing* action bolt is firstly the steering mechanism's faster response to the tilting motion of the deck. Also, re-setting of the 'action-nuts' allows the yoke to be moved up and down the action bolt, thus giving an adjustable turn radius.

The *Magnum* truck, only recently available in Britain, works on a single-action principle. The truck's black casing contains a rubber sleeve. The yoke rotates inside and against this sleeve to produce the turning action.

Maintenance tips

The double-action skateboard truck is a simple beast, generally comprising of not more than 15 separate parts. With regular riding (particularly on rough surfaces) it takes a lot of hammering and some of these parts may wear loose. Frequent checks equal trouble-free skating and a long life for your trucks. We've worked out a few maintenance checks, some of which should be made before every session. Others can be carried out periodically.

Magnum Hi-Energy Truck

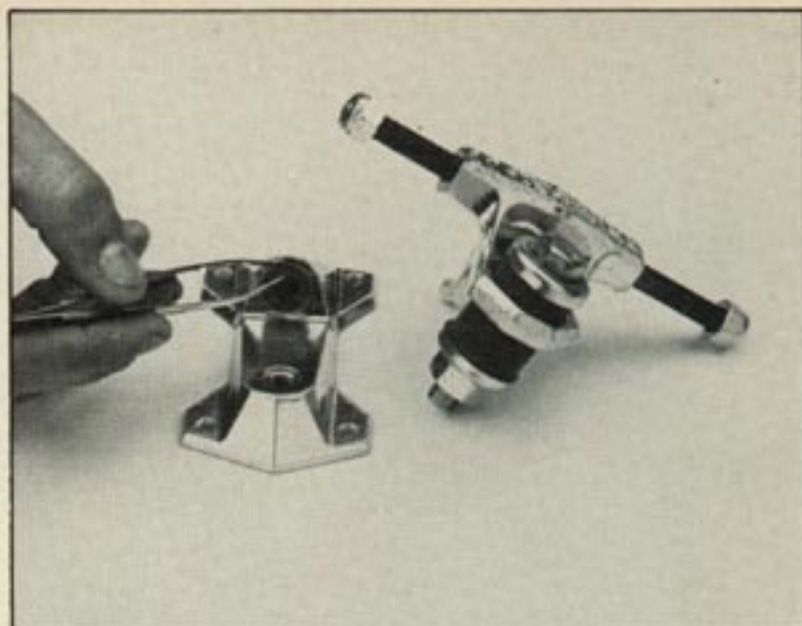
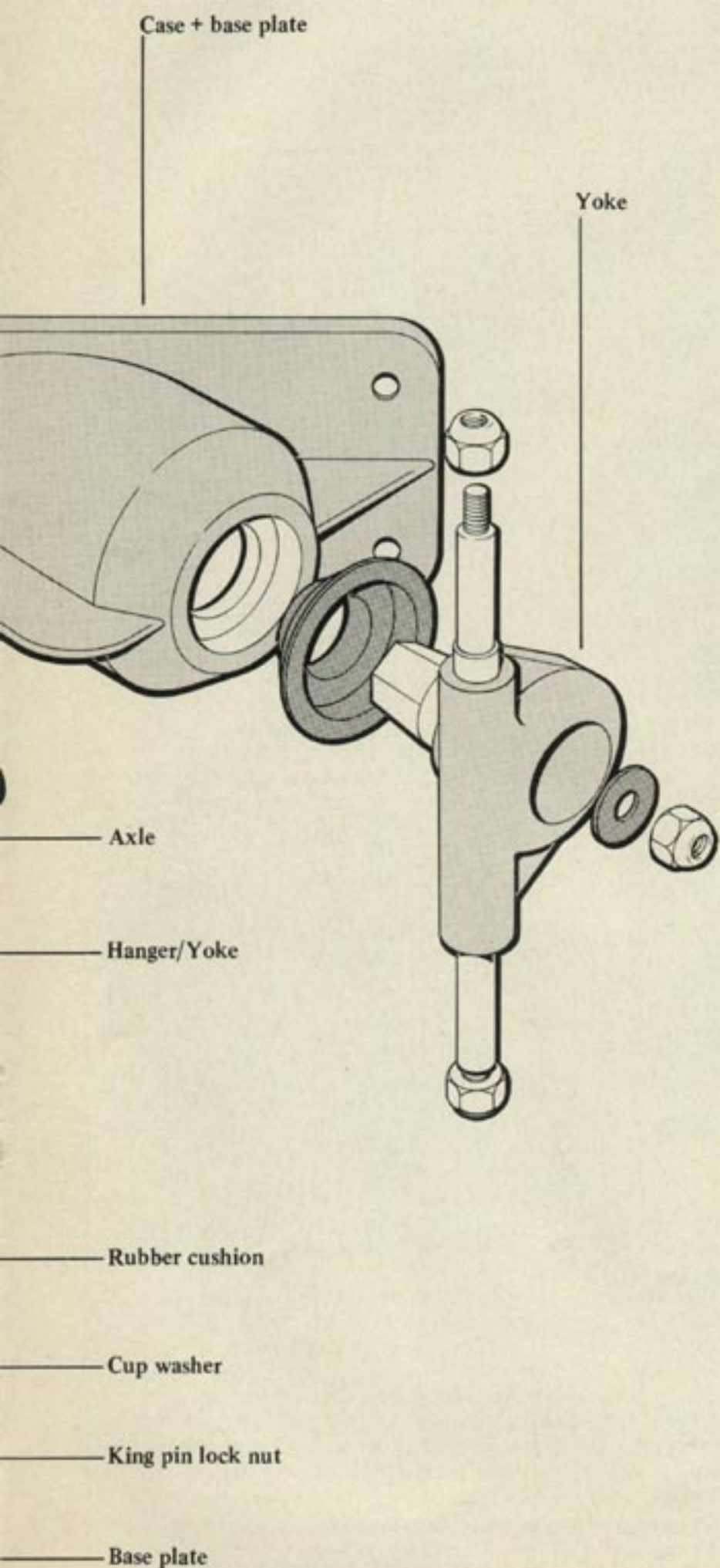
Rubber sleeve

King pin

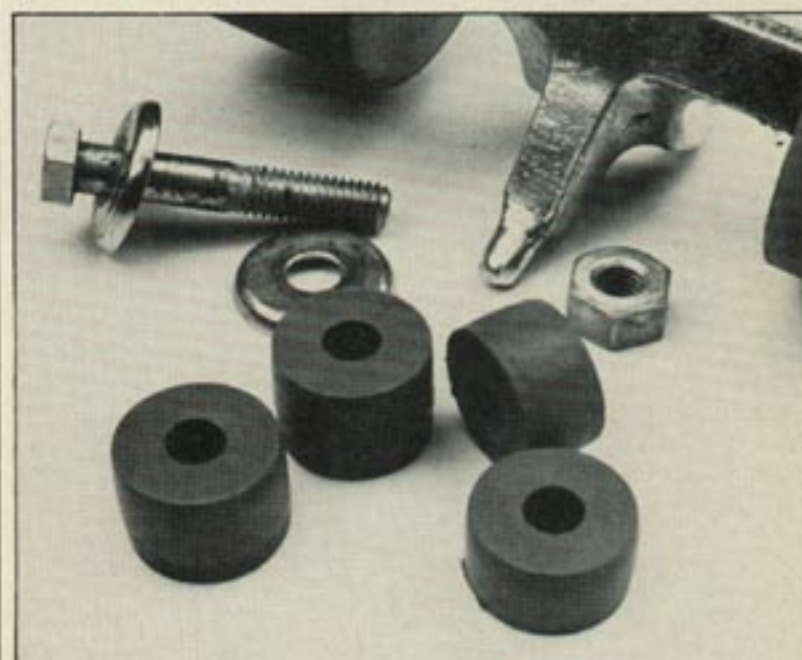
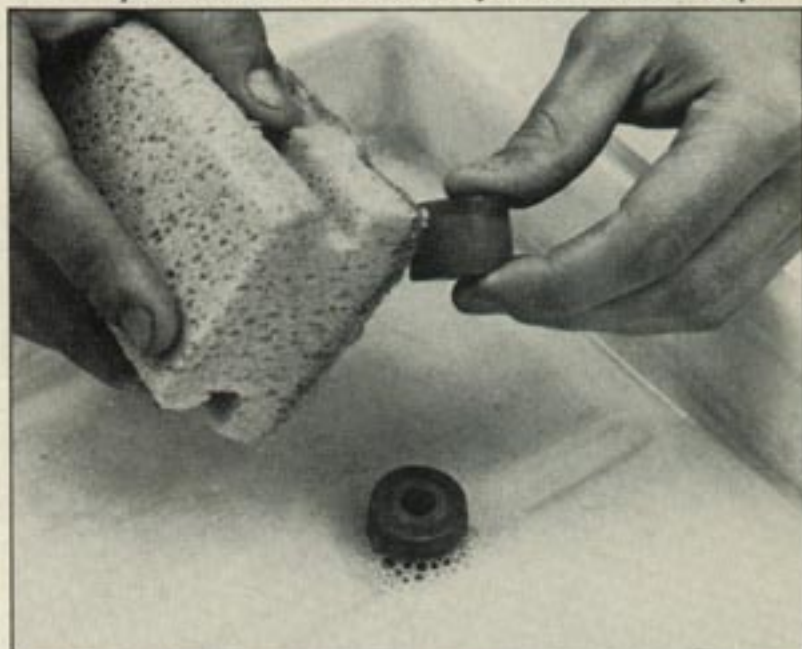
"Double-action" truck

Lock nut

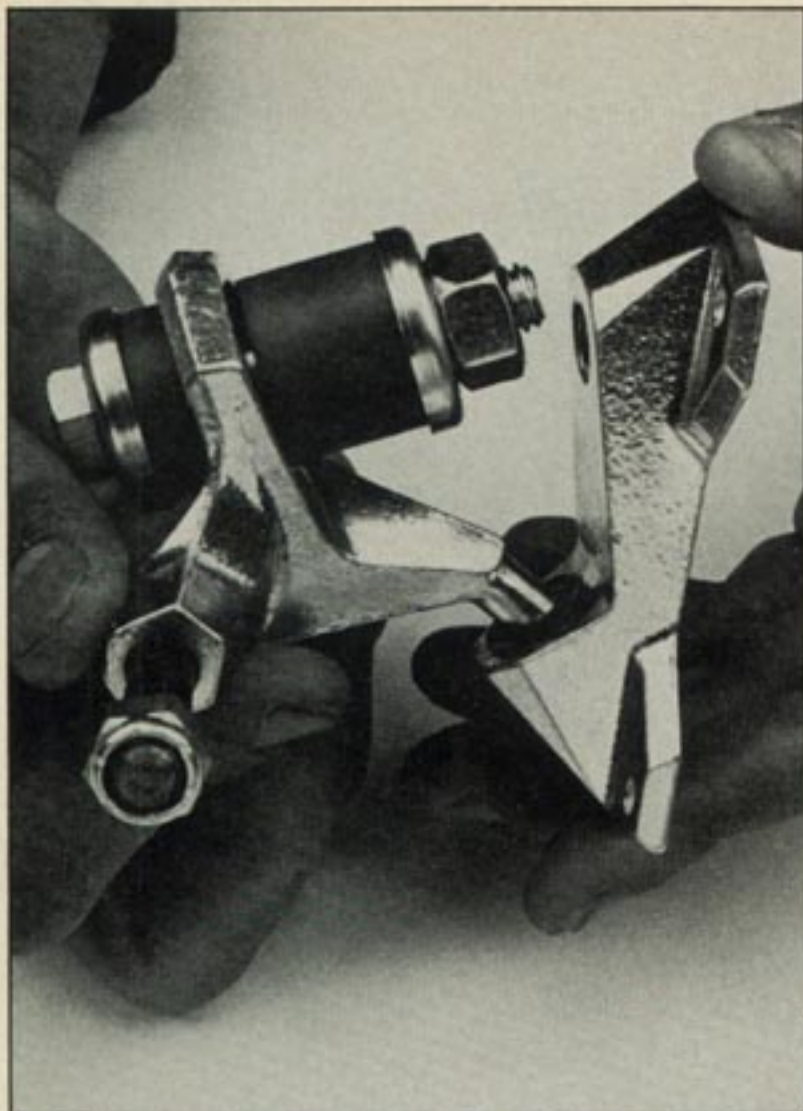
Pivot cup



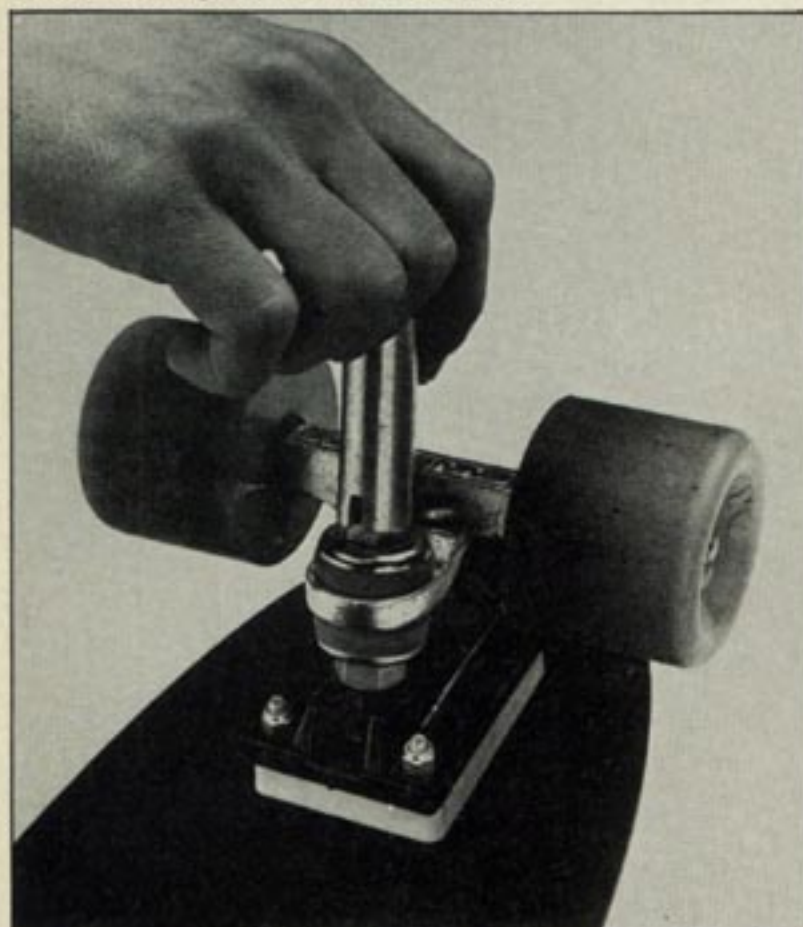
1. From time to time dismantle your trucks and remove the plastic pivot cups (low price trucks do not always contain these). This can be done either with a pair of tweezers or by levering the cup from its socket using a small screwdriver. The continual rubbing of the pivot can eventually wear a hole in the cup. Once this occurs the consequent metal to metal contact quickly damages the end of the pivot. Pivot cups ought to be replaced as soon as they show a degree of wear – spares should be available at your skateboard shop.



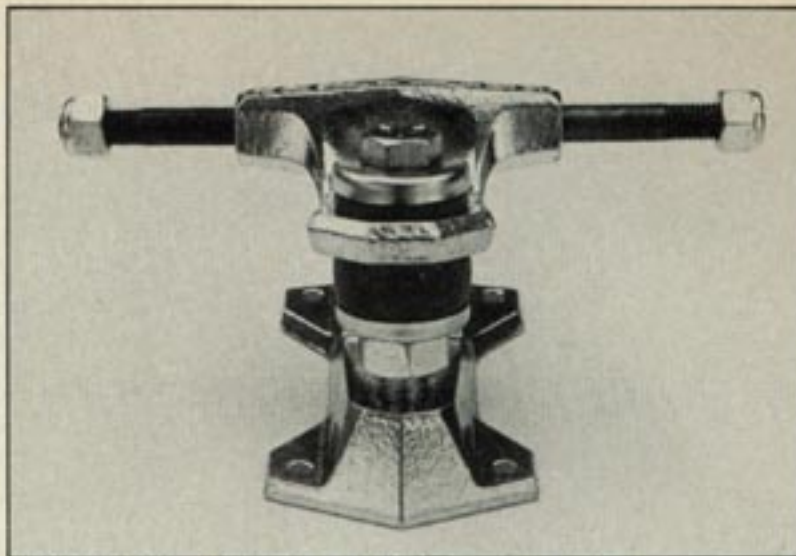
2. Check the condition of the rubber cushions. If they have become worn and cracked their replacement will really improve the performance and turning response of your trucks. You can rejuvenate your rubber cushions as follows:
Remove the rubbers and clean them with detergent. Once dry, leave them off the trucks until you next use the board. To some extent this will allow the rubbers to expand and resume their original state.



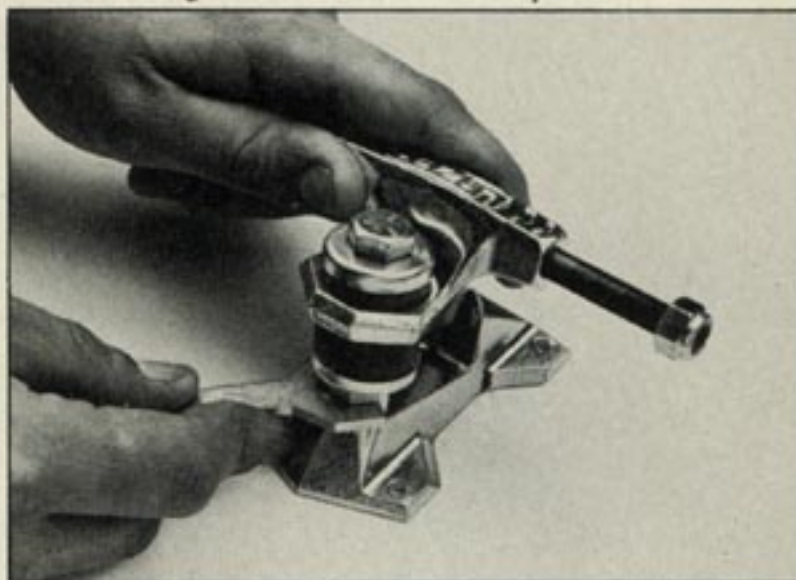
3. When re-assembling your trucks there are three important points to remember. Firstly beware the danger of stripping the thread of the baseplate by over tightening. Secondly, screw the king pin lock nut *loosely* on to the king pin so that the latter can wobble freely inside the yoke. Finally, make sure that you push the pivot as far into its socket as possible before tightly screwing the king pin into the baseplate. Following these points will help ensure that the king pin enters the baseplate at the correct angle.



4. When screwing the king pin into the baseplate, make sure that it is entering at the right angle. If it's hard to turn, check that the king pin lock nut is loose. . . if it has jammed against the base plate you will not be able to tighten the king pin any further without slackening the lock nut first.



WRONG! King Pin lock nut in incorrect position.



5. When using your skateboard, the king pin lock nut must always be tight against the base plate. The function of this nut is to prevent the king pin from rattling loose. At worst, if this nut is not down tight, the king pin may suddenly strip the base plate thread. If you have a truck similar to the Tracker models or ACS 650, then the king pin is fixed permanently in the base plate and the above doesn't apply.



6. If you have lock nuts on your axles of the type shown, then regularly check the condition of the nylon ring insert. If it is worn, the nut will no longer lock and may easily work loose. Carving the lip on three wheels is not to be recommended!

These nuts have a strictly limited life so those prone to frequent wheel changing would be well advised to check nuts regularly. Make sure, too, they are always fully screwed on the axle. If the nylon fails to reach the thread, *the nut will not lock*.

The good news is that *Skateboard!* is currently developing a test programme for skateboard trucks. Our results will appear in Trucks Checkout soon!

PADDING UP FOR PEANUTS

Protection The Do-It-Yourself Way.

Are you nursing a badly 'burger'd arm or knee right at this moment? An unlucky fall can shake your confidence for weeks, apart from having to live with the pain of the injuries. With a full set of pads selling at anything up to £15.00, so far your precious elbows and knees will probably have had to do without some much needed protection. All is not lost though, because Skateboard! is going to show you how to make a set of pads which are tough and long-lasting, and will stay looking smart even after a few dozen falls. They cost a fraction of what you'd pay in a shop (that's if you can actually find any, of course!).

The really good thing about these pads is that, because you're making them yourself, you can build some sort of design into them — making them personal and

something to be proud of.

What you will need to make them is a heavy vinyl (or something similar); a metre length should be easily enough. The stuff I use is quilted with a thin layer of foam, which is ideal, but that cost me about £2.00, you could probably get an off-cut for half that price. Large hardware shops keep this sort of material because its usual use is for covering chairs. The other thing you'll need is some foam rubber, preferably the firmest you can get. Get this from a hardware shop too, although it pays to have a look round the dustbins as it's a common packing material. With a needle and thread and some glue suitable for sticking foam rubber, that's all you need.

With luck, the whole lot shouldn't come to more than £3.00.

Okay, if you've got the

materials together, then we'll start. First measure around one arm (1) just above and just below your elbow. This will be the width of your pad. Now decide how much of your arm you want the pad to cover — about halfway down your forearm is as long as you need make them.

With these two measurements, mark out a square (2) on the back of the vinyl, adding two inches to the width measurement. Cut this shape out, and hold it around your arm: at this stage it should overlap by about two inches.

Now turn under the edges of the length side (3) and sew up. Try the pad on again, this time pulling it tight against your arm. Mark the vinyl where it overlaps with a pencil, and then turn the pad inside out (that is, foamside outwards) and sew along this seam (4) just inside the pencil mark. Pull the pad rightside out, try it on and you should have a perfect pad! If it feels a little loose, turn it inside out again and re-sew the two ends a little tighter. Now make the other one in the same way.

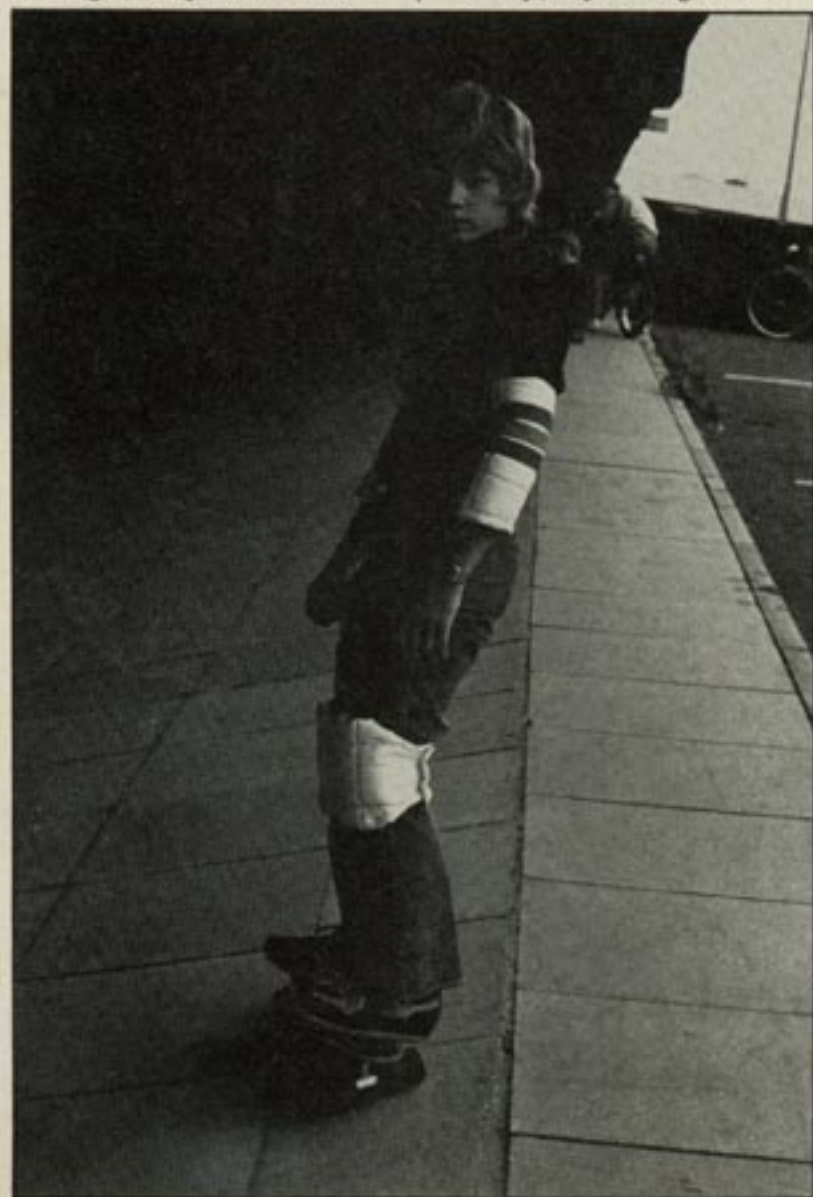
If you feel like having a go at sewing some stripes or a decoration on the pads, then the time to do it is just after you've cut out the vinyl and before you've stuck the foam on. Just a couple of stripes in a different colour make all the difference. Of course you could also put your name on them — or perhaps a silhouette of a skater. In fact, whatever you want!

The knee pads are made in a similar way to the arm pads although, as the picture shows, they are more diamond shaped, with a narrower strip at the back. Another good idea is to make them detachable, using buttons, velcro or poppers. Alternatively you could make them 'pull on/pull off' by using elastic. Again measure above your knee, (5) mark on the vinyl and cut out. Stick the foam rubber on, then taper the two widthways, as shown. (6) Decide which type of fastener you are going to use at the back, then turn under the edges accordingly. If the 'alternative' method of fastening is used, then only one narrow end is needed. (7)

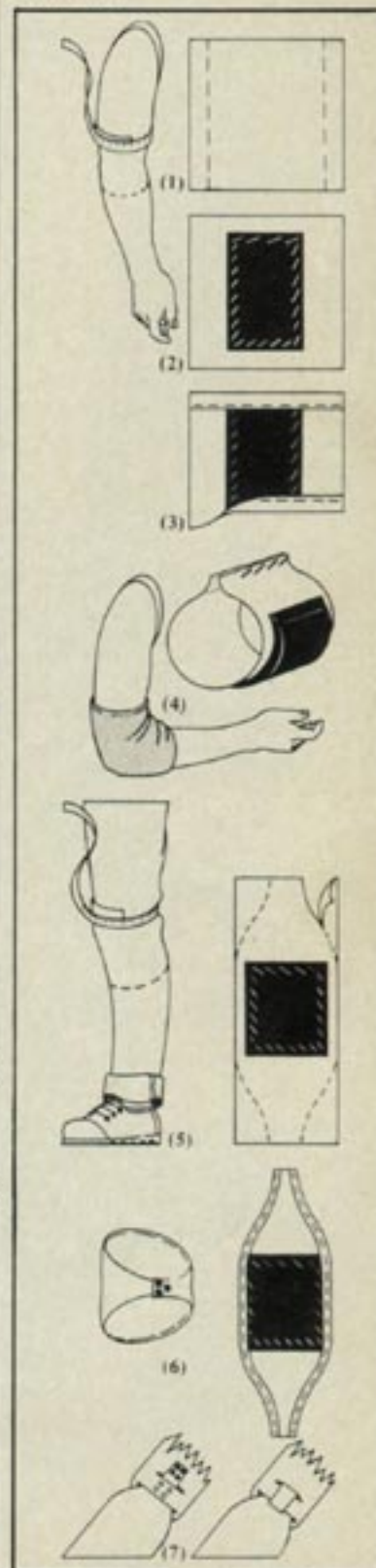
And that's it; a full set of pads that will protect you for a long time to come. If you do tear one, just stick a square of vinyl on all the pads to keep them looking smart.

Feeling a bit overawed at all the 'technicalities'. Then try and talk your mum/girl-friend into making them. For persuasion try the line that it's easier than sewing up rips in jeans! Of course you're going to need some gloves. Well, several readers have written to say that the super-tough variety from gardening shops are cheap and very good: insert a foam pad in each of the palms, though. So far as helmets are concerned, it's doubtful that any real money-saving improvisation can be done. The shaping and design of protective headgear is fairly critical so the answer has to be to invest in one of the proprietary brands.

Once you're fully kitted out, you'll be amazed at what it does for your confidence. Here's to 'burger-free cruisin'!



The end result — healthy protection the inexpensive way.



Stacy Peralta
Santa Monica
California

Hi everyone, the Pepsi team is back in action again, School started up about two months ago and we've been doing lots of visits and demonstrations all over the Los Angeles area. The team is made up of about twelve members, and then broken down into three's. Each demo consists of three skaters... I'm working with Lonnie Toft and Gordy Lienemann. Those guys are great to work with because they are into doing very entertaining demos. Even though our main concern is to stress safety, we put it in a funny way, like doing comedy skits.

We do certain tricks on our boards that make people laugh and get into it more, rather than just showing them skating. We try to entertain them beside doing skateboarding which makes it kind of a show. It's really a good programme and hard work. Ellen O'neal and myself just got back this weekend from Texas. We did this grand opening of a park back there and ^{had} a real good time. The park was the same design as the Concrete Wave so it was really fun to ride. Even though Ellen is on my team, I hardly even see her because she lives in San Diego and I'm in Santa Monica. That's about two and a half hours north of Diego. The local skaters at Texas are pretty good, but they hadn't really seen most of the advanced bank riding manoeuvres. This week a park just opened up in Oxnard, which is about an hour north of Santa Monica.

STACY PERALTA WRITES...

Skateboard! is delighted to give the insane news that US star rider, Stacy Peralta, will be contributing to the magazine on a regular basis. It's a long way from Europe to California and often Stateside reports take a while to filter through. Stacy promises to let us know what's happening, as it happens. He's right there on the inside so who better to keep us informed? And on top of that, we'll be getting a radical look into the life of one of America's top skaters..

It has two vertical pools with coping, a semi vertical pool, a half pipe, a vertical snake run, and a big, banked bowl. The park was put together with the help of Jerry Valdez and Mark Smith and they did a good job. The surface is smooth and it's really fun. Opening day was a pretty good session with skaters like Jerry, Mark, Chris Strople, Curt Tabbutt, Rodd Saunders, Lonnie Toft, Gregg Ayles, Kent Senatoure and Jim Cassimus. It turned out to be a good day.

Speaking of parks, there is finally going to be a park put up in Santa Monica. Right now, the closest one to here is twenty minutes away by car. This one is being designed by myself, Waldo Aultry, Gregg Ayles and Paul Hoffman. About four months ago we got together a total skate park package and it's looking very good. It gives instructions and information on how to do it right down to a tee. There's several already that have been sold across the nation.

I usually ride the pipeline skatepark when I go skating. It has a fifteen foot pool, a twelve foot pool, a twenty foot pipe and banks and bowls, you can't even believe. There's been some unreal things invented there! Everytime I go it's just a full push session. Everyone is always pushing each other to the total limits, which makes it totally insane. Pipeline skatepark has really got the energy. People are calling it the most radical park.

I went over there last night with Gregg Ayles. The crowd was so small we really had a good time. I started riding my wuptail 2 about a month ago and it's really working hot. The thing I like about it the most is that it is light and super strong. Gregg just got his own model out with 'Tunnel' so we were really pushing each other to see who could get the highest in the pipe.

Signing off for now

Stu J. Smith



STEVE KANE THE LONE RIDER

STEVE KANE is one of that rare and decreasing breed — a lone skater who prefers the anonymity of finding his own hills to skate to the competitive atmosphere of the skateparks. He rejects much of what the skateboard community regard as the standards to follow — i.e. the California surfer approach to style and terrain, and the ideology of skateparks being the ultimate in hot sensations. His attitude is essentially British and individual — a rider who skates for 'pleasure and not prestige.' You may or may not agree with what he has to say — but it's a point of view that can't be ignored. The Skateboard! team talked him in Bristol, and photographed him at Ashton Park...

Where do you like to skate?
Always somewhere new, somewhere steep — anywhere that presents a challenge. Even if a road is a bit cobbly, that's okay, I've been known to skate down Guilford High Street which is all cobbles. You can't do anything radical and it's only fun twice — but it feels good to have ridden it. It's like going in search of the perfect wave — that's why skateparks are so boring, they're always the same and very restrictive. They are built to imitate waves, like the California skating scene is all tied up with surfing, but we're on *land*. Surfers are getting to grips with a natural force, the sea — we have to get to grips with another natural force, the land — paving or roads — we don't want special parks for it. I know a German guy who skates *roofs* — he's really amazing. Skateboarding is the first adrenelin sport that gets to the city — parts that people own but no one possesses — like the South Bank. Architects would have called it a car park — it was a place where tramps went and drank meths, but now it's *our* place — although whether they are fencing us in or them out I don't know!

But the South Bank puts me right off now, there aren't a lot of kids skating, they just sit around on their brand new boards discussing equipment.

Maybe I'm biased, but the urethane wheel was designed to enable you to go fast over rough surfaces. Now we're going back to prepared grounds, we might as well go back to clay wheels. Red Kryptonics are great because the grip is not fantastic — but you can ride them on cobbles, tarmac, grit and drain covers — all the stuff that is just *there*. You don't build hills to ski on, do you? Skiers go out *looking* for trees and moguls, they're not looking for something man made.

I think the crux of the problem is that money can't be made out of skateboarders unless you get them all together in one place — and then charge them for the use of it. I just don't think the kids are getting value for money.

Where is the most radical place you've ever skated?
Just behind where I live in Godalming in Surrey is a really steep hill — the kind where cars conk out and stall. It's quite short and gets steep very suddenly. There are cars parked on it all the time, and a main road at the bottom, so you've got to know how to stop. If you head down it and miss a car you're lucky. That's not the challenge. The first really radical thing I ever did was to ride a hill from my house down to the town. It's steep, winding, and it's blind the whole way down. You've got to go at a speed where you can stop at any time. You've got to live with cars, and if people in cars, on bicycles and on foot are frightened of you, you've got to stop almost before they see you.

How do you control your speed?
Getting to grips with a traversing technique is very important — when you first start it's as much as you can do to keep turning tightly enough. If you're going fast you don't dare turn tightly so you hang on until you crash at the bottom. But you can find the break point — I reckon if a hill is just over twice as wide as my board is long, it can be as steep as you like — and I can control

my speed on it, because I've got enough room to turn. You get to a point where you are wedeling — sliding the back wheels — I can do that at about 20 m.p.h. now. I think if I had the guts I could do it at a higher speed still. I always use small red Kryps 'cause they give such a good ride on rough surfaces, and I spent a lot of money on really good European bearings. **Do you wear safety gear?** If you're doing something dangerous you're an idiot not to wear it — my knees are covered in cuts and I've got road burns on my feet. I always wear gloves. In slalom you're right on the edge of your balance all the time. A can once got under my feet and I went face downwards

and crushed another can with my chest — that was the nastiest accident I've ever had.

Do you like to compete? I tried to get into Crystal Palace but my entry was too late, which is a pity as I had a chance in the slalom. But now I'm having second thoughts about competing. I don't think it's good for your skating — you get solely concerned with just being faster. Some people skate for pleasure, others for prestige. **What turned you on to skating in the first place?** I started when I saw Rocky Brann skating, and I



Above: What a squeegee! Steve Kane squeezing in a power slide on wet wheels. Right: A precision front side extension in Ashton Park, Bristol.





Steve — mud larking



thought 'that's what I want to do'. So I made a deck — it was terrible — like a coke bottle, and I got a pair of Henry Hesters. I took it to the tennis court and rode it and didn't fall off, so I thought 'this is great!' and I was bitten. Then I got hold of a piece of fibreglass and used that as a deck, and I thought that was great 'cause I was flexing. Then I made a wooden board — a real punk effort with a wedge at the back for a kicktail — but it worked. My favourite board now is a slalom deck with a set of Trackers and red Kryps. I think the future lies with the land board — with that you can ride anything — even the downs. I like the idea of putting a sail on a board too...

Rocky Brann and I have this expression — instead of saying go for it we say go *to* it. When you're riding a slalom and it's really working, you actually get the feeling that the cans are getting out of your way, it's incredible. Which style of skating do you admire?

I think it's great for British skating that Tim Levis won the Rest Of The World slalom event at the California World Championships. It gives us confidence. Before, everyone worshipped the Californians, but when you actually see them they're not that good. Their stance is abysmal — they stand with their feet wide apart as if they are still on surfboards. You can get away with being sloppy on a surfboard, if you fall off you just get wet. I don't think it's a good training or style for skateboarding. Skiing is much more like it.

Watch Simon Napper — he's the fastest carver and best rider in bowls you'll ever see, he's the most radical. He rides like Rocky and I do — with both feet facing forwards.

The kids see me carving the South Bank and they say — "Hey man, why are you so good at carving?" I

say it's because I'm riding the *board*. When they get a board all they want to do is take it to the South Bank and kick turn 'cause they've seen people on the telly doing that. The surfer style of skateboarding just looks very sloppy — that stance may not even be good surfing. Simon Napper rides crouched down with both knees and feet facing forward, parallel on the middle of the board. The key is to lock your knees together for stability — the whole thing is knees — I tuck one into the other when I'm turning just like skiing. Simon is great, 'cause he's not trying to impress anyone, and he'll talk to anybody. I get the feeling about him that he doesn't need an audience whereas some of the other guys do. A lot of the London kids are very showy, that's why I like the guys in Bristol and Brighton. A lot of the kids in London aren't good skaters — oh sure they can kick-turn, but so what? It just looks sloppy. A lot of kids need to learn more grace.

Marc Sinclair must be the best in freestyle — he kick-flips over kerbs — he must have been born with a board under his feet. I like his attitude as well, everything's a laugh, he couldn't give a damn.

How would you sum up your attitude to skateboarding?

I don't think that aggression is the right way to tackle anything, you see a bank and you've got to feel like it's yours — it's a feeling of possession. You mustn't be frightened of it, you've got to work *with* the land....

Tony Alva talks about carving lines on a wall....

Yes, I agree with him in that — the South Bank is great for carving lines — it's like Chinese writing — you let the lines write themselves. On a good hill there's a line already there, and you've got to find it, and follow it. There are lines that suit my mood....

How would you advise a new skater?

Don't start off on a slope — there's a hell of a lot you can do on the flat before you're ready for that. And learn to turn. There are 15 ways of turning frontside and another 15 of turning backside, it's the kind of stuff you ought to know before you start doing tic tac, or nose wheelies or kickflips — or standing on your 'ead and eating a banana....

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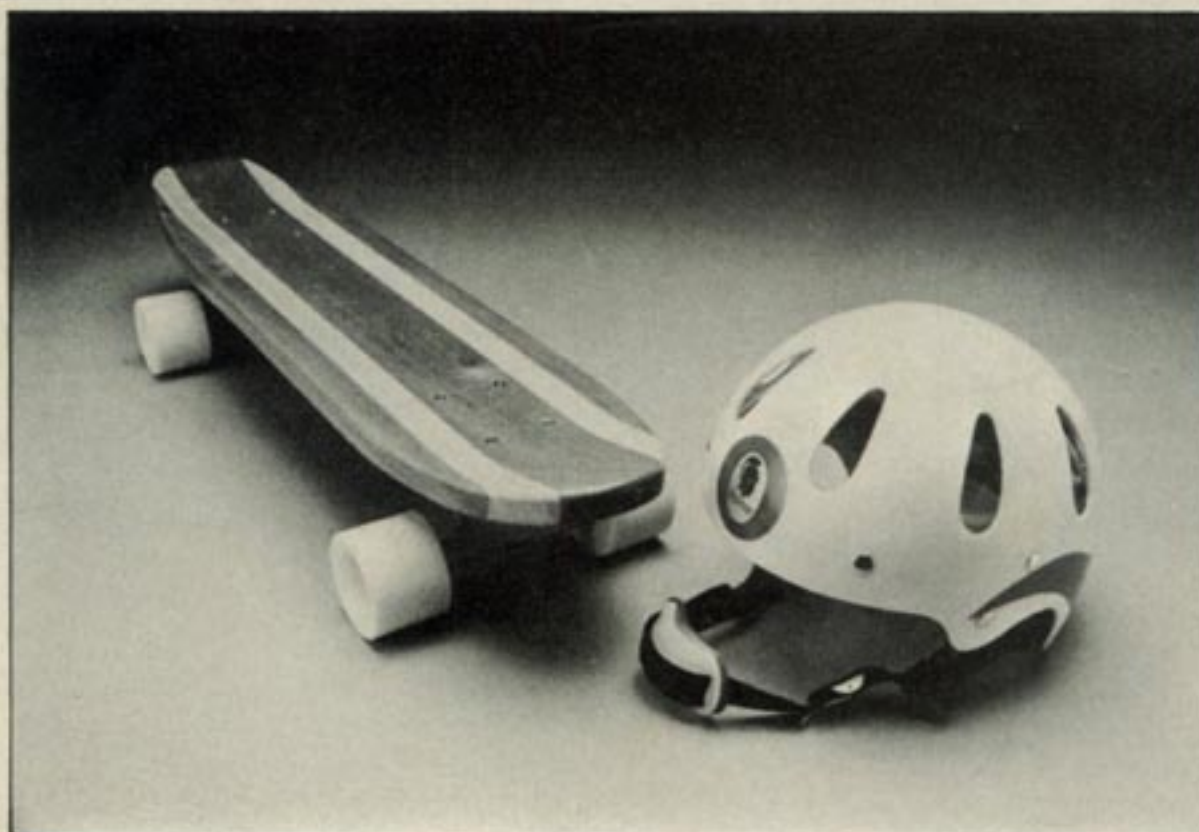
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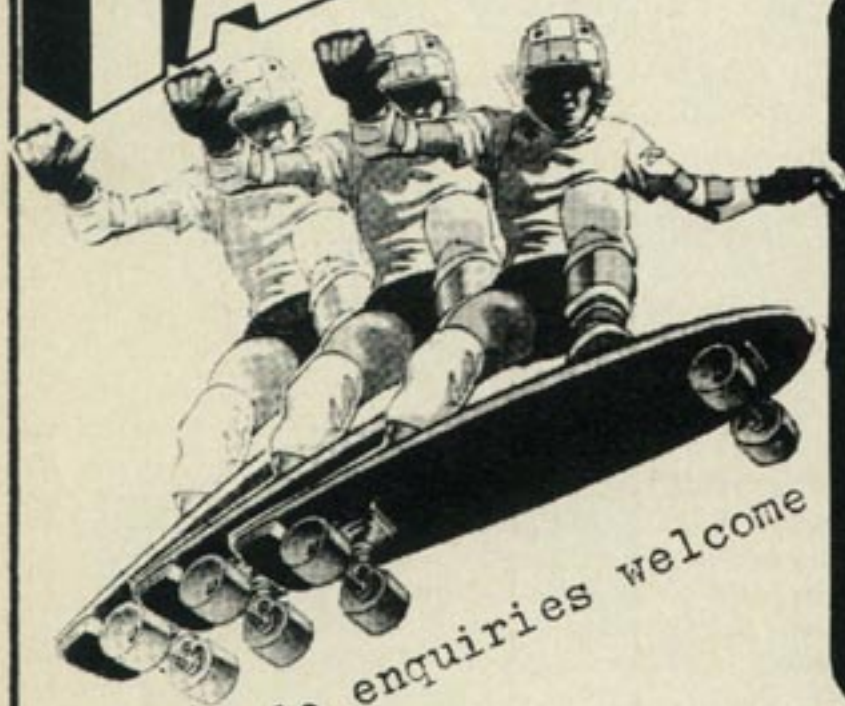


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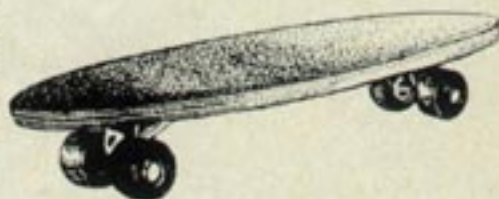
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TONY (MAD DOG) ALVA **STAR INTERVIEW**

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Tony Alva must be the most charismatic skater in the sport to date — and he's right at the top of the league, holding the world barrel-jumping record, and the Hang Ten Championship title. But it's in pools that he really comes into his element, combining the free-flowing Santa Monica surfer approach with his own brand of radical, rock and roll bravado. Sporting Jimi Hendrix hat and feathers, wildman curls and moustache, his star-appeal was evident from the moment he strolled into the contest arena at the World Championships held in Long Beach, California. Not only famous for his ultra-aggressiveness on wheels, he is also known for

his outspoken views and unwillingness to co-operate with promoters and news-hunting reports. Skateboard's Maggi Russell talked with him after the World Championships. . . .

Skateboard: Where is your favourite place to skate?

Alva: This pool that's right by my house in Santa Monica — everyone knows it as Dog Town. We call the pool the Dog Bowl, it's owned by a friend of ours, and it's shaped like an offset keyhole — it's round with a flat wall on one side — that's where I practice most of the time. It's about ten feet deep — I can get all the way out and come back in every time.

Skateboard: What did you think of the high ramp at the world championships? Didn't they offer you two hundred dollars if you could make it to the top?

Alva: Yeah — but it was kinda kinked out, it just goes straight up and down and it should have been smoother. I got about twelve, fifteen feet up it — but I couldn't get to the top. I could if there was more slope to it. If I made it to the top of that I wouldn't get back down!

Skateboard: What do you think of your reputation, and your title of Mad Dog Alva?

Alva: I like it — it's a good reputation for an overall skater — considering I'm the overall world champion, it's a good image — it's different, and a little more radical.

Skateboard: Where did you get that title?

Alva: From the Hang Ten World Professional Championships last year.

Skateboard: Do you enjoy competing?

Alva: Uh — yeah, if they're good contests. This one is the same as they've been having for fifteen years, it's just a flat land contest so it doesn't progress the sport too much. I wanted to enter the freestyle here but they wouldn't let me — political reasons they said, you have to get voted in by the other contestants and I didn't get voted — but I don't think that's true 'cause I placed second here last year. I think it's a political mishap — the promoters don't like the image of the skaters from my area 'cause we are more radical — we're not as conservative as most skaters here. The next big competi-

tive area in skateboarding will be pool contests, that will progress the sport a lot more. . . .

Skateboard: How would you judge a pool contest?

Alva: By style, consistency, aggressiveness, where you hit, how high you get, radicalness, how many you pull off. . . . you wouldn't always have to use the same pool, as long as you put markers on the sides, so that if you hit them you get more points. In a pool there may be a point where you hit extreme height — but there's also a point where you hit extreme shallowness, which is hard too — so I guess pool-riding would be the hardest event in skateboarding to judge. But pool riding is so great, it could make freestyle extinct — it's that much more radical. But I do wish I'd been in the freestyle, 'cause most people didn't do too good, and I had a good routine put together — I do a



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lot of surf-style tricks. I like to go up on the banks, I would've started off on the vertical ramp, then gone into a carving nose wheelie, into walk-the-dog, 180 slides like without my hands, then slides with my hands, then frontside 360's, backwards walk-the-dogs, backside 360s, pirouettes, toe spins. . . .

Skateboard: Do you have any tricks of your own invention?

Alva: Yeah, I have one trick I do in pools called a Yellow Betty — it's when you come up to the coping of the pool, and you hit the coping, and you fly out of the pool, grab the rail of the board and re-direct yourself back down the pool and freefall halfway down the wall, then land back on the wall and keep on going. That's my most famous trick. On banks and flatland I also like to do a 360 slide which is pretty original. It's a 360 without any of the wheels leaving the ground. In the area I come from, most guys are into a really low type of skating, with a low centre of gravity. The only person representing that kind of style here at the contest was Stacy Peralta — like he started off his routine with a 360 slide.

Skateboard: How long have you been skating?

Alva: About twelve years now — I just turned twenty on the 2nd September. . . .

Skateboard: Do you think we're going to see plenty of improvements in the state of skateboarding as an organised sport?

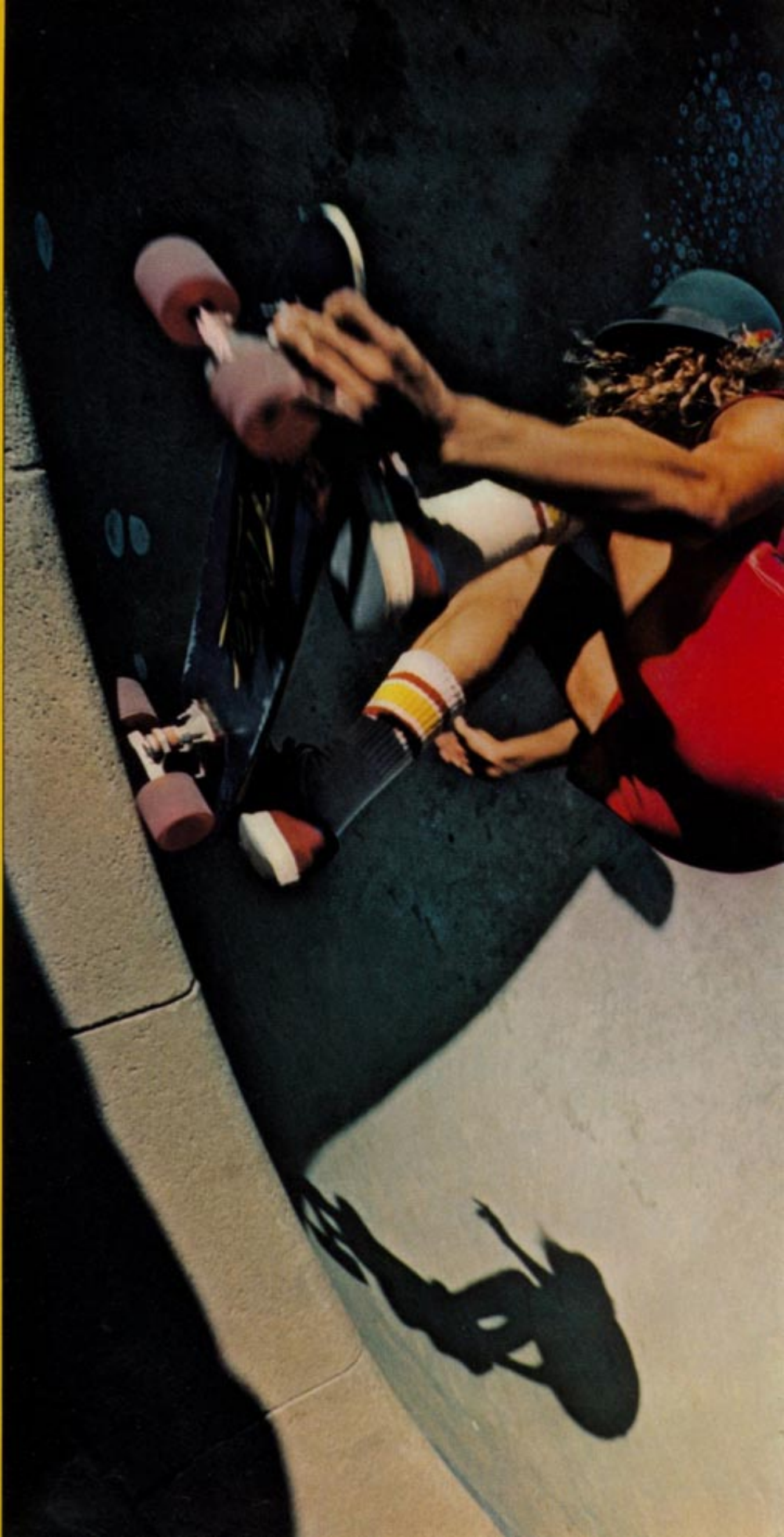
Alva: Yeah, it's looking good, the skateparks are keeping everything going, that's why we'll be able to have pool contests real soon, 'cause the parks are overflowing. But the parks will have to get better designed. . . .

Skateboard: Do you like wearing safety equipment?

Alva: No, not really, but I'd recommend it to everybody. I've never broken any bones but I got some bad road rashes once. I was hanging on to the back of a car going down a hill, trying to get a good start and I crashed — the car went faster than I could go. I fell and bounced about five times. . . .

Skateboard: I see you wear a Nazi insignia on your helmet — in England some punk kids wear swastikas for their shock value. . . .

Alva: Yeah — that's kinda how it is — though I'm not into punk rock that much, it



doesn't sound good — they're pretty rowdy guys. It's just a symbol like a skate nazi — it's not like a German nazi. There are a lot of kids about who are really dedicated to surfing and skateboarding, and they have this nickname — like a skate nazi or a surf nazi. That's what my swastika means.

Skateboard: What music do you like to skate to?

Alva: Led Zeppelin, Ted Nugent or Jimi Hendrix — I like hard rock and roll.

Skateboard: That's a very neat board you have. . . .

Alva: Yeah, it's my own design. It's a wood and glass laminate — nobody has a board like it. It has glass on the bottom then about three or four laminates of wood,

manufacturer. They don't try to push you into a frame-work type thing. Some of the merchandisers are really putting a bad name on skateboarding. They're trying to stereotype everybody into a certain type of skater, and that's why I get so much criticism because the manufacturers think I won't cooperate with them.

Skateboard: Have you any plans to visit England?

Alva: Yeah, 'cause I just finished a movie with Universal. It's called Skateboard, and it's a feature film, and they might have us come over to England to promote it. Ellen O'Neal is in the film too. It's about a professional skateboard team — like a low profile team —

get high too much, I don't drink alcohol — I will afterwards but never before — that's just destroying yourself. I adopt a super positive attitude, a kinda cocky attitude where I *know* I'm going to win, and I keep telling myself that I'm going to win, that I *can* do it — and I do! I mean, I never practice barrel — jumping, but I won it last year and set a new world record — 18 barrels — it's in the Guinness book, and I knew I'd win again this year.

Skateboard: Is it true that you are fearless?

Alva: No (laughing) — I get scared all the time, I get butterflies and everything. I've been having butterflies in my stomach for the last three weeks 'cause of this contest,



Stan Sharpe

Left: Alva — Lip coping into a backside nose grab. Above: Stylish off the lip kick turn and grab at Dino's pool.

then another laminate of glass, then another two or three of wood. This make it really strong but light, pretty much indestructible. To make it look good it has reflective material on the bottom, and my name on the top. I use Kryptonite wheels and mid track Tracker trucks. . . . I broke one of my boards at the contest jumping twelve barrels — sometimes I break them in pools. I just started my own company, and I'm starting production on my boards. I have a big name in skateboarding, so I don't need anyone else to help promote them.

Skateboard: Have you ever ridden on another manufacturer's team?

Alva: Yeah — I've ridden for Logan Earth Ski — they're about the coolest

and they win a big contest. It's a kinda Bad News Bears version of skateboarding. I play a kid a lot like myself, the best skater on the team and a freelance kinda individual. . . .

Skateboard: While contests like this one are purely invitational, don't you think a lot of other freelancers and amateurs are missing out on the opportunity to compete?

Alva: Yeah — there are no good amateur contests, and there are a lot of kids who are really hot. But if you had a lot of geeks competing with the pros it would take up too much time. . . .

Skateboard: How do you prepare for a contest?

Alva: I surf and skateboard every day — both as much as each other, I eat good food and don't stay up late, don't

but it doesn't affect me in a bad way, it gets my adrenelin flowing. I'm totally used to big crowds, and sometimes it makes me skate better, but usually I just shut them out of my mind.

Skateboard: I noticed how many of the kids treat you like a rockstar, and loads of girls hang around to see you. How do you feel about that?

Alva: I end up getting writer's cramp by the end of the day — but I like it — it's good for meeting nice girls, although I don't go around looking for them or anything. It's good to make some money, too, though it takes a lot of your private life away. I don't worry about my image — first and foremost I am myself — I just skate and ignore the bullshit."

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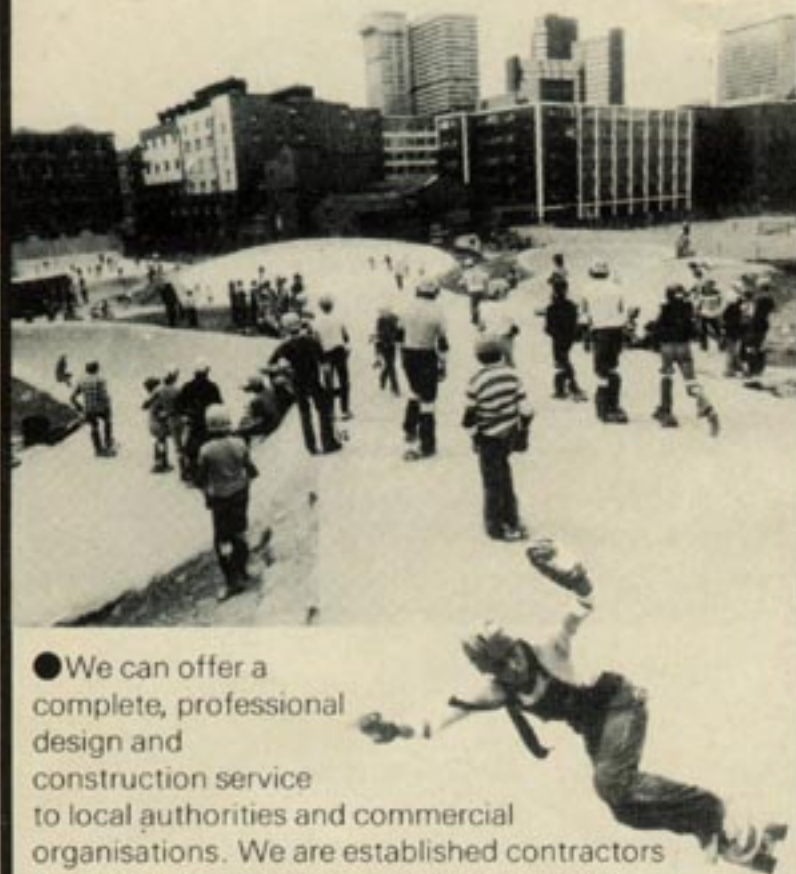


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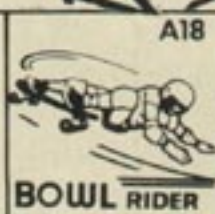
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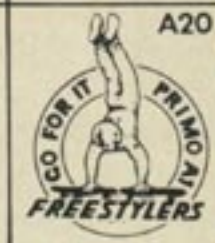
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Kryptonics are the first manufacturer to use three different colours (red, blue, and green) to denote three totally different urethane compounds. Each type of urethane wheel is made in two sizes: 70mm diam. and 60mm diam..

Right now Kryptonics wheels are almost impossible to get hold of due to fantastic world wide demand. In order to get good deliveries we have accepted Kryptonics offer of some slight seconds. In order to identify these the Kryptonics name is machined off. These seconds have identical performance to other Kryptonics wheels and carry the same guarantee. They are sold at lower prices. The chart on this page and list on our mail order form gives the exact availability.



RED

The softest Kryptonics compound, combines speed, traction and resiliency. At its best on rougher surfaces. An incredibly smooth ride without any loss of speed. "BIG REDS" are catching on fast ride them to believe them.

BLUE

A harder wheel than the red, suiting many skaters who prefer a touch more "feel". The blue is the original Kryptonics wheel and it gives outstanding allround performance.

GREEN

The hardest and most durable of the three compounds with an excellent allround performance, combining speed and traction. The smaller 60mm size (little green monsters) are proving particularly popular on smooth surfaces such as skate parks.

STAR*TRAC RED	
Performance: Smooth, fast	
Durometer: 78A	Resilience: Good
Traction: Good	Sizes: 60mm, 70mm
Recommended use: Skateparks, flat freestyle	
Remarks: Radical departure from standard urethane wheels. Ultra-soft and incredibly fast. Unlike any other wheel on the market, a totally new experience in riding. Accelerates very quickly, maintains momentum.	

STAR*TRAC BLUE	
Performance: Smooth, fast	
Durometer: 82A	Resilience: Good
Traction: Average	Sizes: 60mm, 70mm
Recommended use: All around/soft	
Remarks: First of the Kryptonics resilient compound wheels. Offers a quiet, smooth ride with above-average speed. A good all around wheel that works equally well in slalom and bowls.	

STAR*TRAC GREEN	
Performance: Firm, fast	
Durometer: 85A	Resilience: Good
Traction: Good	Sizes: 60mm, 70mm
Recommended use: All around/hard	
Remarks: One of our hardest compounds, but still softer than the majority of wheels available. Provides high speed and a firm, positive ride. One of our most popular wheels since its introduction in '76.	

DUROMETER?— an explanation

Durometer is the measure of hardness of the wheel. The lower the number the softer the wheel. Until this year a soft wheel was a slow wheel and a hard wheel was a fast wheel.

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	Blue	Not available	£5.50
	Green	£6.50	£5.50
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	Blue	Not available	£4.95
	Green	£5.95	£4.95

SPECIAL OFFER:—To every purchaser of 4 Kryptonics wheels — a "Kryptonics Crazy" sweat shirt at only **£2.50**.
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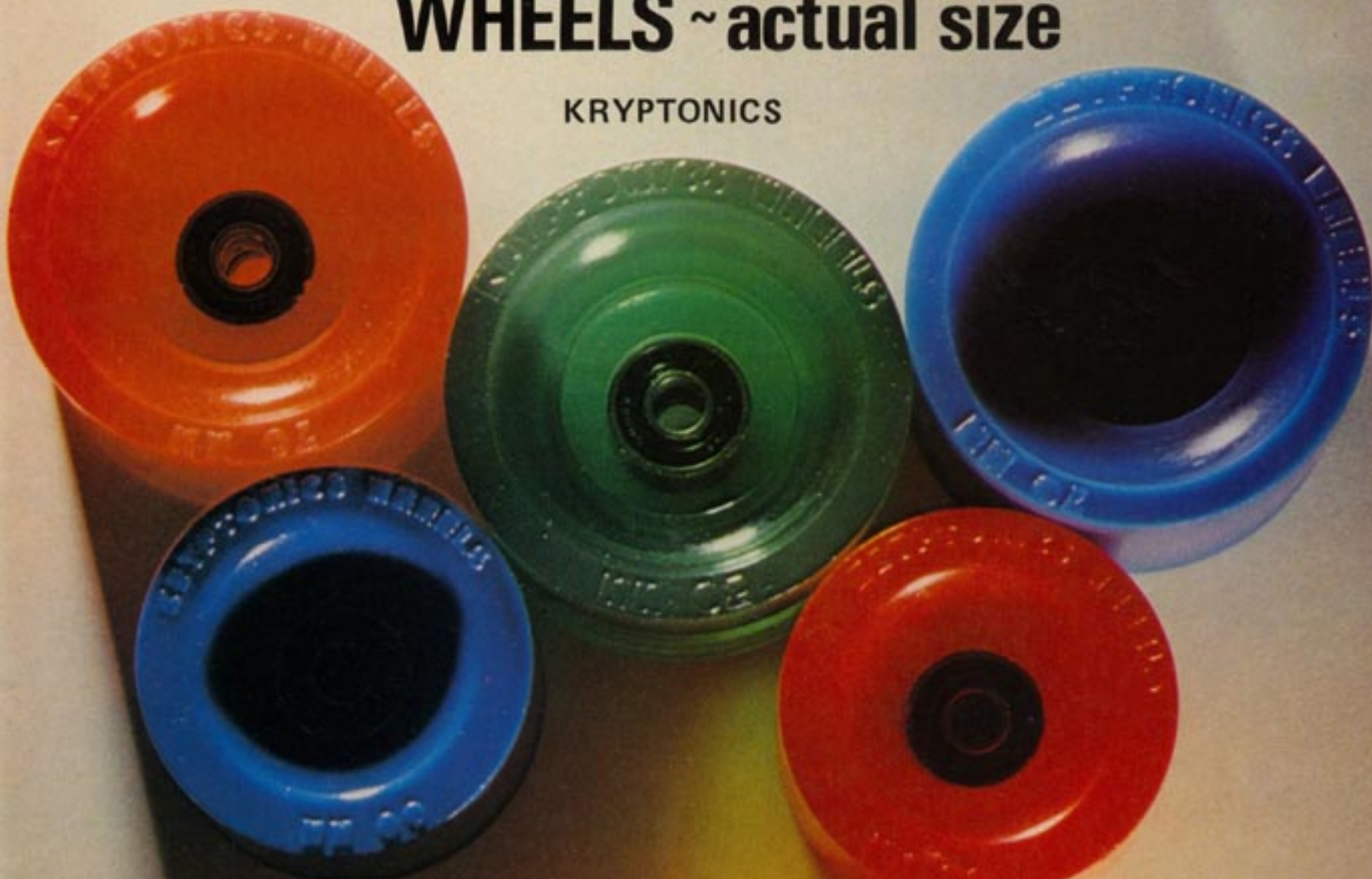
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WHEELS ~ actual size

KRYPTONICS



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SPECIFICATION:-

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ALPINE'S TOP FIVE PACKAGES

TOP VALUE - TOP PERFORMANCE



FREESTYLE

FREESTYLE laminated deck
ACS 500 pro truck
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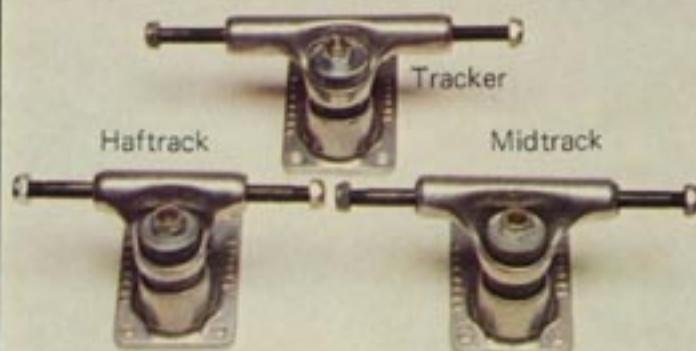
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G & S BOWL RIDER

G&S FIBREFLEX BOWL RIDER deck
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TRUCKS



Tracker

Haftrack

Midtrack

ACS 651

ACS 500 pro

ACS 500

ACS 430

California Slalom

Gullwing

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 for money. 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 Slalom	Green 60mm kryptonics	£45

2. G&S FIBREFLEX SLALOM

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	Wheels	Price
2 a) Pro Slalom		Yo Yo's	
b) Cutaway Slalom	California Slalom	Yandall Slalom	
c) Henry Hester		Green 60mm kryptonics	£49

3. G&S STACY PERALTA WARPTAIL

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.

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

4. BENJYBOARD

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	Trucks	Wheels	Price
4 Benjyboard 27"	California Slalom California Pro	O.J. Super Juice	£55

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

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	Wheels	Price
5 a) Bowlrider 27" 29"	ACS 651	Kryptonics 60mm green, blue or red	£54
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ACS 651	£7.20

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| 2) SIMS TAPERKICK | 27" | £27.00 |
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3) + 4) GORDON & SMITH FIBREFLEX

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| Cutaway Slalom | 29" | £19.50 |

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| 5) ROCKIT | 28" | £18.50 |
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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

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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

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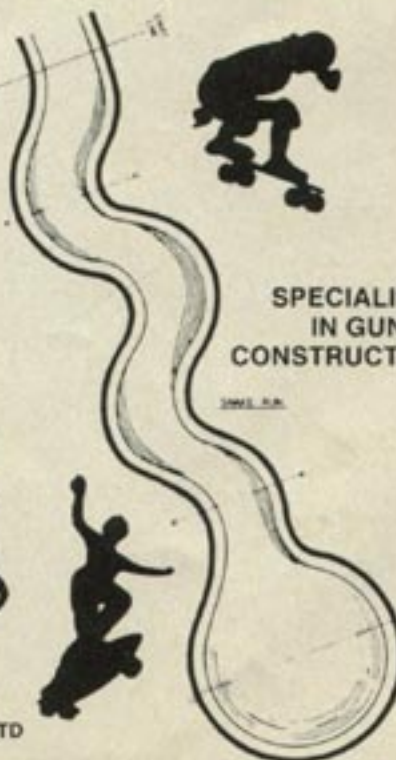


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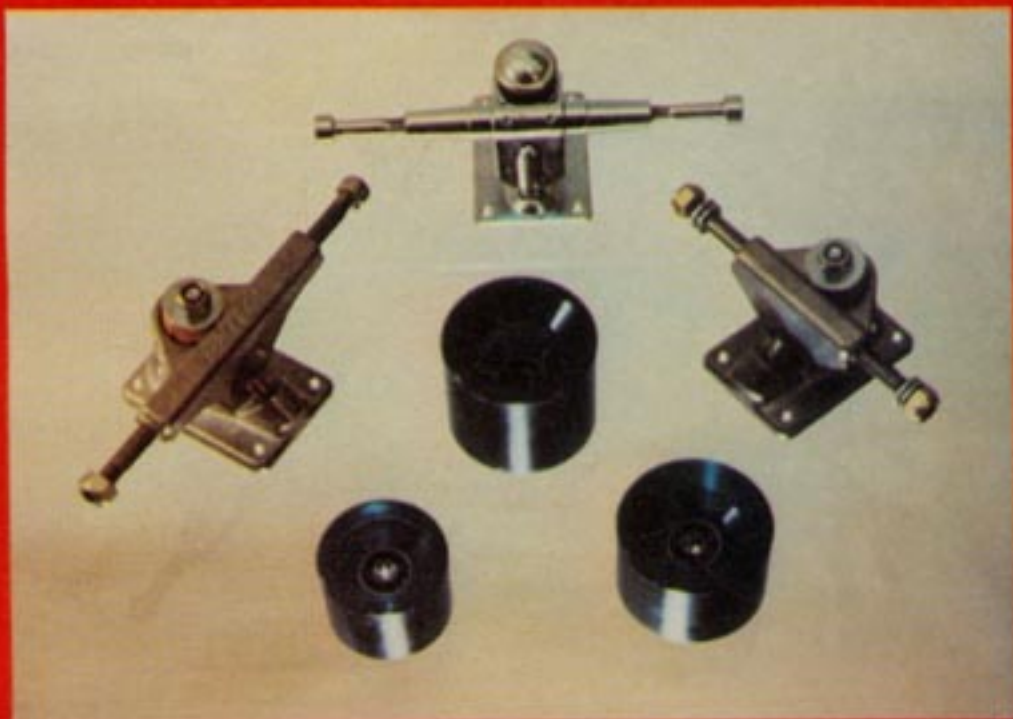
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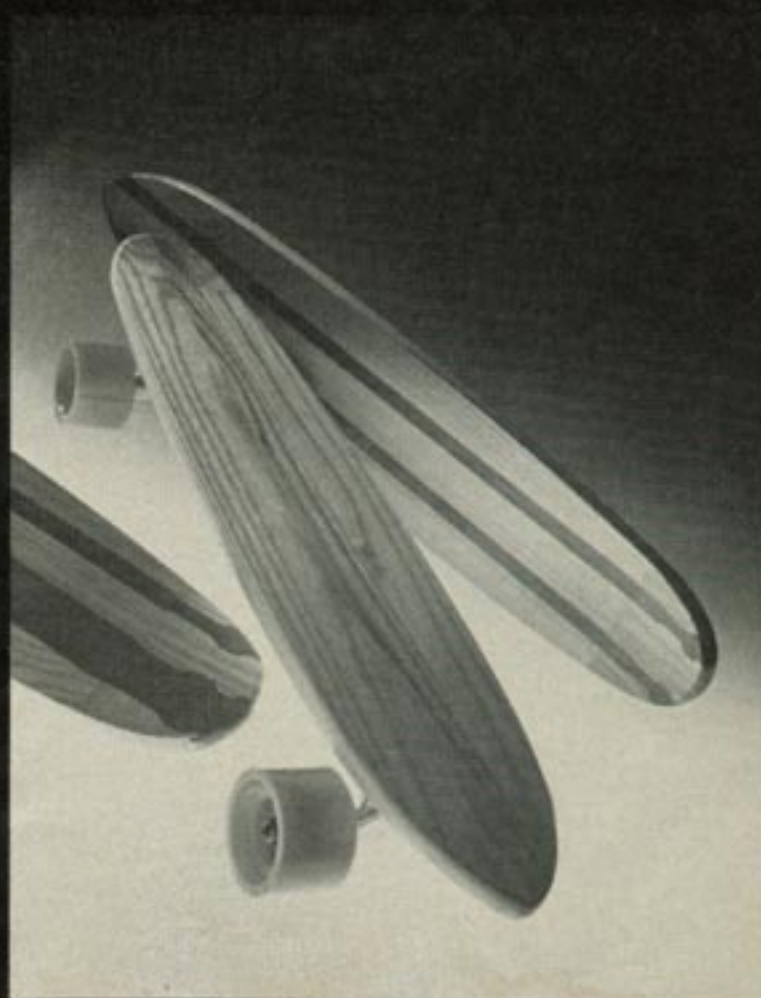
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