

BACK IN THE SADDLE

Get from A to B with customized bikes

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PEDAL TO THE METAL | Bike technology has come a long way since your Strawberry Shortcake banana seat cruiser. Or maybe you were the sportier type, with a playing card in your spokes or an obnoxiously loud horn or bell on your handlebars. Either way, bicycles are a bit more complicated these days with an infinite number of brands, styles, parts and accessories. We are here to help you sort through a small number of those vast options.



**PANDA-MONIUM
Bamboo Bike Frame by
Calfee Design** [\$2,695]

This eco-friendly transportation option proves that nature is capable of some pretty amazing things and the bamboo frame reduces your carbon footprint in many ways.

Bamboo is a readily available natural resource that is easy to grow and easy to replace. It can grow in drought and flood, reproduces quickly and releases tons of oxygen back into the atmosphere.

Plus, the production of the bamboo frame releases a dramatically reduced level of carbon dioxide emissions, and



when you ride one, you help save the air by avoiding the use of a car. The frame is held together in part by treated hemp fiber, another readily available, super smart natural resource. The bamboo is surprisingly strong, helps dampen the vibrations of riding, is lightweight and looks super cool. Feel good bonus: Calfee Designs assists entrepreneurs in developing countries start their own bamboo bike building business simply because it makes so much sense. There's tons of local bamboo, there is a high need for cheap, reliable transportation and the bikes can be built without the use of electricity. Boom.

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