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GATES CARBON DRIVE™ SYSTEM POWERS BIKERS TO VICTORY IN EPIC CONDITIONS

INNOVATIVE BELT DRIVE TECHNOLOGY HELPS RIDERS BELT OUT WINS AT 18 HOURS OF FRUITA AND THE BRECK EPIC

DENVER, CO, July 2009 -- In conditions that destroyed equipment, shredded even seasoned racers and caused a late race course change at the recent 5th annual 18 Hours of Fruita bike race at Highline Lake in Fruita, Colorado, the Oskar Blues Belt Busta's team of Scott Hicar, Dale Katechis, Troy Mandery and Jeremy Rudolph took the overall victory thanks to the consistent performance and mud-shedding capabilities of their Gates Carbon Drive™-equipped Spot Brand single speeds.

With little more than two hours left in the race that had started under clear and cool skies at midnight on Sunday, April 26, the 85 competing teams were thrown a curveball in the form of a late spring storm that turned the dusty, rolling, six-mile course into a nearly unrideable patch of goo. Aided by the spring rain, the area's infamous bentonite clay changed from a fine white powder into a sticky mud of peanut butter consistency that ripped off derailleurs, gummed up traditional chains and coated wheels with pounds of muck.



The mud-shedding design of Gates Carbon Drive™ System includes a chainring with patented Mud Ports™ that keep the drive clean and fully functional even in conditions that tear traditional bicycle drivetrains to pieces.

Thanks to the foul weather performance of their carbon-reinforced, polyurethane Gates belt drive as well as Gates chainrings and rear sprockets with patented Mud Ports™, the Oskar Blues team was able to click off consistently fast laps while their competitors struggled to complete a lap in two or three times their normal rate. "There were no worse conditions that I've ever ridden in," said Oskar Blue's rider Hicar. "The Gates Carbon Drive System just pounded right through it, allowing our guys to keep riding fast while everyone else was literally just trying to survive!"

More recently, at the inaugural Breck Epic race held July 5-10 in Breckenridge, Colorado, professional racer Cristina Begy rode a Spot Brand single speed with the



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Carbon Drive System to place 2nd overall in the women's category. Undaunted by the first day's pouring rain and messy conditions, Begy noted, "The belt drive was perfect. I don't even have to think about it. I just ride. I had no mechanical problems. I've done quite a few multi-day races, and every day, you have to make sure your chain and gears are working well. With the Carbon Drive, it's a no-brainer."

Begy was the sole rider on a single speed, rather than multi-gear, bike. "Everyone was so excited to check out the bike and so impressed with the way it works. It was great to show what it can do," she added.

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