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Product Review:

Camelbak Podium Bottle

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They said it couldn't be done, but it looks like Camelbak may have accomplished what has long been considered impossible, "building a better mouse trap". I have to admit that when I first received the Camelbak Podium bottle for review I was skeptical, but after the first ride I was hooked. Whether on the bike or in the gym, the Podium Bottle is always close by.

When I first saw Camelbak's new bottle during the 2008 Tour of California, I wondered why anyone would want this bottle with the funny top that cost twice as much as the average bottle. But, that "funny top" with Camelbak's unique nozzle technology is exactly what makes this bottle worth the extra few dollars. The bottle is far easier to drink from than the standard water bottle and after at least 30 uses I haven't had any liquid go anywhere, but in my mouth like it is supposed to

The nozzle technology is cleaner and easier to ride with, and doesn't need to be pulled open or pushed closed while riding.

I recommend this bottle and if we at bicycle.net had a rating system for products I would give it the highest honor and call it a must have for serious cyclists.

Bicycle.net will be following the 2008 Tour de France and the Camelbak Podium bottle in the hands of the Saunier Duval Scott Cycling Team.

