



Connex by Wipperman: Quickest Link Around

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Well, a full year has passed since I met Tracy Gallemore of Connex by Wipperman at Interbike 2008. I was very fortunate to be introduced to their 920 Teflon®/nickel-coated, nine-speed chain, which is available in a variety of colors to suit your desire. Tracy offered a chain for a test and evaluation and I gladly accepted, opting for the blue one.

I couldn't wait to get back to Illinois and put this chain to the test. I installed it on my newly purchased GT and away I went. I was amazed at how this chain made shifting a dream. The outer plates have a unique design described as allowing the best shifting. To this I can attest. I have put countless miles on this chain and still to this day, it shifts like a dream.

One of the features I found to make my life easier with respect to keeping the chain clean is the Connex link. This is the easiest quick link I have ever used. It made removing and installing the chain a breeze.

Between riding in the mountains of Albuquerque, through the mud and grime of Central Illinois, and down the unforgiving hills of West Virginia, this chain has been through the ringer. It has performed flawlessly through every kind of terrain to which I have subjected it. It shifted well, even all mucked up, and didn't rust as have many of my previous chains. The chain simply held up to whatever I could throw at it, without any breakage or wear.

Connex by Wipperman has a chain for every style of riding, on- or off-road. For a complete product list, visit www.cantitoeroad.com.

To take advantage of the wholesale pricing offered to IPMBA members through the Product Purchase Program, contact Tracy at tracy.gallemore@cantitoeroad.com or 970-472-0125.

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