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CLIX Quick Release Granted Broad Patent Coverage

On February 16, 2010, the U.S. Patent Office granted a patent covering CLIX Systems, Inc.'s new wheel quick release. The patent includes claims for “secondary retention that is automatically engaging when the wheel enters the wheel mounts” as well as a system where “the primary locking system and the secondary retention system may be exclusively operated for wheel removal on one and the same side of the wheel”. In addition, the patent claims also cover the “method” of operation of these systems.

The CLIX quick release is currently used by Trek, Gary Fisher, Cannondale, a number of Accell Group companies and Louis Garneau, among others.

“We believe this is an important patent for the industry” said David Montague, President of CLIX and inventor of the system. “Quick release wheels are a popular feature found on most quality bicycles, but adjusting cam tension can be challenging. CLIX eliminates the need for cam tension adjustment each time, so the consumer simply clicks the wheel onto the fork, and throws the lever – no adjustment needed.”

Joe Vadeboncoeur, Director of Product Development of Trek said "We've been using CLIX on a number of our bikes for several years now and, among the other benefits the system offers, our dealers appreciate not having to try to teach consumers how to properly adjust cam tension. With CLIX, the clamping force is very consistent every time it is used."

CLIX is adjusted initially by the dealer, then the adjustment is locked, and no further adjustment is needed each time the wheel is removed. Montague explains his new system is "great for recreational cyclist, because it is operated with one hand on one side of the bike, and great for enthusiasts, because it allows for a very quick wheel swap."

CLIX Systems, Inc. based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is a company of bicycling enthusiasts dedicated to advancing cycling through the development of innovative technologies that provide an unprecedented combination of performance and convenience. For more information on the CLIX™ wheel release system please visit www.clixqr.com.

