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Adapter Fits MTB Components on Road Bikes

CHESTERLAND, OH—When a customer wanted to upgrade a road bike with a Rohloff hub a few years ago, HubBub Custom Bicycles' Brian Jenks made it possible. He fabricated a short adapter from a bar-end shifter to fit inside a road bar but neck down. This allows mountain bike components like the Rohloff twist shifter to mount. "I sold a few of them over the years to other people fitting Rohloff systems to drop bars. But two years ago sales exploded and since then I've sold hundreds," Jenks said. Retailers, like Sheldon Brown at Harris Cyclery, have been using the adapter to fit single-speed road bikes with Nexus hubs and shifters. "Because the mountain bar-sized piece extends enough to mount a shifter, some are cutting the road bar back a bit so it looks better," Jenks said. The adapter may be mounted for left or right-hand use, and internal expanding wedges secure the adapter to the bar. The adapters retail for \$59 each and are available from Quality Bicycle Components.

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