

MICROBYTES

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The eyewear listed represents a sampling of the wide range of eyewear on the market. Those listed offer 100% UVA and B protection, many have interchangeable lenses that are not included (except Smith, which are included) and are available with multiple frame and lens options (except Mach Schnell). So let your beard grow long, give your fuzzy guitar a good spin and flashback... flashback... flashback to 1980.

*When you get up in the morning and the light is hurt your head
The first thing you do when you get up out of bed
Is hit that street a-pedalin' and swerve through the masses
And go get yourself some not-so-cheap, UV-protected sunglasses*

OAKLEY'S SPLIT JACKET [1] shades incorporate a locking mechanism on the nosepiece that splits the frame to aid lens swapping. The impact resistant lenses have a hydrophobic, anti-smudge coating. The frames are made of a super secret 'O Matter' that is light and durable. Split Jackets start at \$200, are fully customizable and have a one-year warranty. Made in the U.S.A. www.oakley.com

*But if you spy a little thing and follow her through the trees
In a funky fine spandex that cuts through the breeze
With a pedal stroke as sweet as molasses
Maybe it's not her cheap sunglasses that knocked you out but...*

...**BOLLE'S DRAFT** [2] sunglasses feature wrap around styling and polycarbonate lenses. The lightweight, nylon frames are flexible, but I wouldn't sit on them to test their durability. Adjustable nose pads and temple tips grip your face. The lenses are impact-resistant and coated to reduce scratching. Retail is \$150-\$200 includes a one-year warranty. Made in Italy. www.bolle.com

*Now go out and get yourself some thick black frames
With the glass so dark they won't even know your name...*

...like **SMITH'S SPOILER** [3] shades. They have a more casual appearance but by no means lack techy-ness. Their Interlock temples twist 90° to split the frame for lens changing and two extra lens sets are included. Each Carbonic lens is distortion-free, impact resistant, and coated to repel grease and water. \$140 with a lifetime warranty. Made in France. www.smithoptics.com

Or **NATIVE WAZEE's** [4] thick black, thermoplastic frames, which are vented across the top, so you can see that sweet thing, and the soft, gripping nose pads keep your frame in place. The lenses pop out of the front for changing and a lifetime-warranty is included with the \$90 price. Made in Mauritius. www.nativeeyewear.com

*And the choice is up to you cause they come in multiple classes
Laid back shades or bold glasses like...*

...**RYDERS' HIJACK** [5] Available with interchangeable lens frames or not. These ones are not, but do have clear, polycarbonate lens, adjustable anti-slip nose pads and anti-slip temple tips. One-year warranty and made in Taiwan. \$45. www.ryderseyewear.com

But if you're bent on "cheap glasses," **PORTLAND DESIGN WORKS MACH SCHNELL** [6] goggles fit the bill. Modeled after WWII goggles, these fit close and fold down small. There are no breakable parts so toss'em in your bag until you need to look cool. \$15. Made in Taiwan. www.ridepdw.com

Lyrics based on ZZ Top's "Cheap Sunglasses."

