

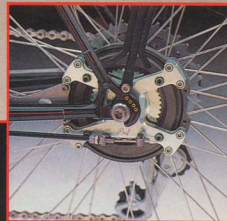
# Concours d'Elegance:

## Jack Taylor No. 8000

*Quadruple Your Pleasure, Quadruple Your Fun*



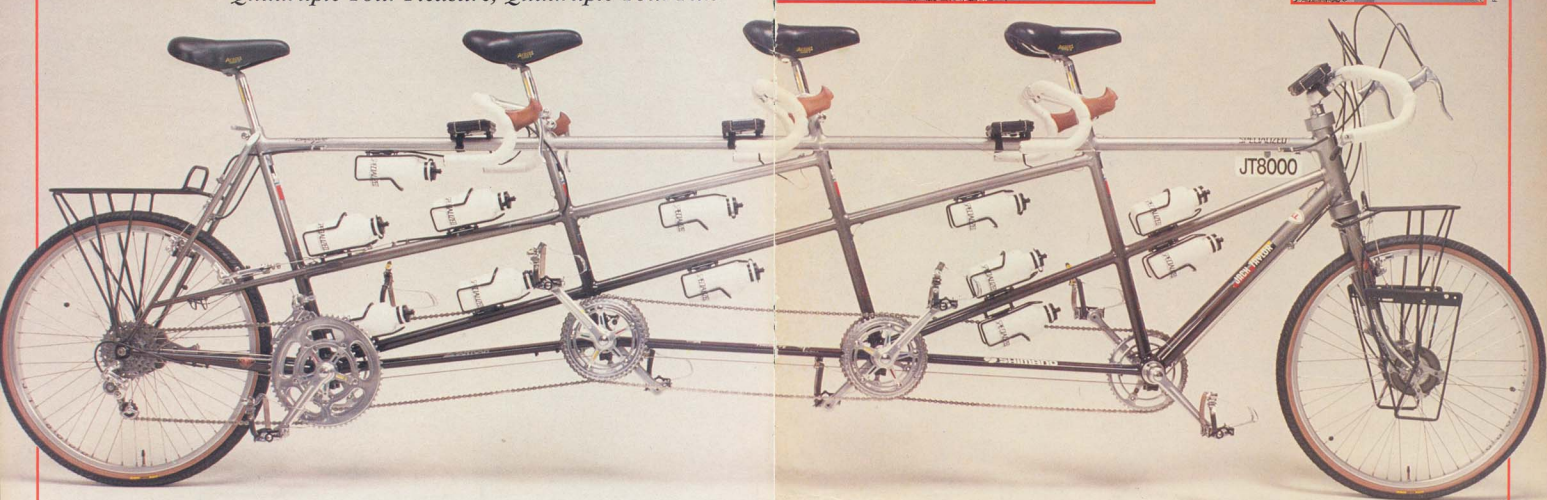
The custom headset uses automotive Timken wheel bearings; the Captain controls two disc brakes and a cantilever on the front wheel, a disc and cantilever on the rear (the last Stoker controls another rear brake to hold the bike at stops).



Each rider has a monitor for speed, cadence and heart rate. The quad has averaged over 38 mph for 20 minutes.



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To his neighbors, Terry Ten Eyck is a model citizen: a businessman, married, the father of two. So is Don Bellio, also a businessman, married with three children.

But beneath that wholesome, all-American exterior, they share a shameful secret. Caught in the grip of a powerful craving, they sink deeper and deeper, ignoring the cries of their ravaged families. Terry and Don are slaves to tandem fever.

They began, like so many, as social tandemists. Just something to do on weekends, with their friends. "Nothing serious," they must have thought. "We can handle it. We can quit any time." But like so many others, they were soon tandeming more and more. Before long, tandem century rides. Then tandem clubs. They were hooked.

Terry was the first to move on to the hard stuff: a Jack Taylor triple tandem he



brought home in 1980. Recklessly, though he knew his friend's weakness, Terry showed to Don, let Don try it. Soon both were helpless in the vortex of their addiction. "We egged each other on," admits Terry. At this rate, a quadruple tandem could not be long in coming.

It wasn't. Realizing that Jack Taylor was approaching his 8000th frame, they seized on the pretext of having serial number 8000 as an excuse for getting the quadruple. The point of no return had passed.

Yes, it's a shameful story, one that's all too common these days. But before you blame Terry and Don too much, remember that there were others who were only too willing to supply their habit. Like Jack Taylor of Stockton, England, who built the frame. Like Richard Gängl, the Golden, Colorado, frame builder who prepped the frame and added some 59 braze-ons (including 20 brake cable guides and stops). Like frame painter Jim Cunningham of San Marcos, California, who gave it a custom paint job. Like Campagnolo and Specialized and SunTour, who provided special parts like the 64-tooth Campagnolo chainring.

And, frankly, there's the rest of us. Though we pretend to disapprove, we secretly admire their magnificent obsession, their life in the fast lane. Who knows, if some of us hadn't smiled and waved at Terry and Don when they were still on their triple, before it was too late, maybe they wouldn't be where they are today.

So next time you look on indulgently as two kids ride a "harmless" tandem, think of Terry and Don. ■

## SPECIFICATIONS

**Model:** Quadruplet

**Manufacturer:** Frame by Jack Taylor, Stockton, England; prepped and finished by Richard Gängl, Gängl Custom Cycles, Golden, Colorado; painted by Jim Cunningham, Cycleart, San Marcos, California.

**Price:** Not for sale. Valued over \$10,000.

**Frame Tubing:** Reynolds 531 straight gauge, except 4130 downtube, Santana Ishiwata chainstays and fork blades. Braze-ons for 3 brake posts, 12 water bottle cages, 8 derailleur cable guides and stops, 20 brake cable guides and stops, 5 cycle computer pickups, plus rack mounts, number holder, spare spoke holder, pump peg, etc.

**Dimensions:**  
Wheelbase: 119.5"  
Weight: 91 lbs.

**Drive Train:**  
Crankset: Campagnolo tandem; Nuovo Record track crank arms and chainrings.  
Bottom brackets: SunTour, sealed.  
Freewheel: SunTour New Winner.  
Chain: DID Lanner timing chains, Shimano Dura Ace final drive.  
Front Derailleur: SunTour Mountech.  
Shifters: SunTour Barcon, stainless steel aircraft cables.

**Gear Pattern:**

	36	58	64
13	—	116	128
15	62	101	111
18	52	84	92
22	43	69	76
28	33	54	59
34	28	44	—

**Components:**  
Brakes: Phil Wood disc (3), Shimano Deore cantilever (2) controlled by captain; SunTour XC powercam (1) for parking, controlled by Stoker #3.  
Pedals: SunTour Superbe, Campagnolo toe clips.  
Saddles: Avocet Touring II.  
Seatposts: Campagnolo Super Record.  
Stems: Specialized.  
Handlebars: Specialized; Captain's bar is solid aluminum.  
Headset: Custom, w/ Timken roller bearings.

**Wheels:**  
Rims: Satauae X-32.  
Spokes: Wheelsmith 14 gauge stainless steel, 48 each.  
Hubs: Phil Wood.  
Tires: Specialized Nimbus 26 x 1.5.