

# BORDO LOCK

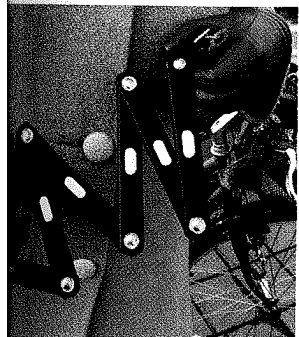
to bike locks, it seems we face a trade-off between security and convenience. A thick and sturdy cable lock, while never easy to carry. Lugging these are heavy, cumbersome, and difficult to mount on a bike frame are one of the drawbacks of commuter cycling. Manufacturers ABUS suggest there is a better way. As a result of this complaint, ABUS has been working on their newest innovation is the Bordo locks which are designed to

wheel with minimal fuss, though the weight on the hinges can cause it to bend in a way that takes getting used to.

The Bordo locks are relatively pricey at an MSRP of \$109-120 (USD), or \$120 (CDN) but retailers say they're selling well. For high security and flexibility in a compact format, there isn't anything else like it.

The newest Bordo lock, with ABUS's patented "X-Plus" locking cylinder system, is being introduced in March 2009 and allows for 1,000,000 key variations. As with all ABUS high security locks, the key can't turn until it's fully inserted, which eliminates the risk of broken keys and jammed locks.

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secure, but also compact and lightweight. The hinged links of hardened steel are designed to fit through the frame so the final carrying size is only 15" (the size of a telephone case). It can be carried anywhere on your bike. In any weather, the links allow for flexibility greater than a solid U-lock, and the seemingly endless combinations of rings and loops used in our cities. The Bordo fits through the bike's frame and

ABUS prides itself on its reputation as a front runner in security innovation. Through their consultation work with police, insurance companies, and security professionals, ABUS products are rigorously tested against a variety of assaults. Their locks are highly resistant to cold and corrosion and come with numerous third-party recommendations, as well as being highly rated by cyclists and reviewers.

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HELMET COVERS ARE a popular trend with both kids and adults but they are especially helpful for concerned parents who are tired of trying to convince kids to wear helmets. Karen Climans, creator of the Toronto-based Tail Wags helmet covers, started her company three years ago after a helmet saved her life during a skiing accident. Why are these covers called "Tail Wags?" Many of them have tails on the back which flutter in the wind as the rider moves. Looking for a gift for young cycling pals? Pink bunny rabbits and ladybugs are popular with little girls. Young boys tend to like the turtles, frogs and monkeys. Sharks and skunks are popular with older boys and men, while women tend to gravitate toward leopards, zebras and cows (\$30-45). See the full menagerie, plus a list of US and Canadian retailers at [www.tail-wags.com](http://www.tail-wags.com)

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