

Mathieu van der Poel 2019 UCI Cyclocross World Champion with GripGrab Raptor Gloves

When the world's best cyclocross riders came to Bogense, Denmark, to fight for the coveted rainbow jerseys, no less than **26 GripGrab sponsored riders** took to the start in the five races held over the first weekend of February.

We are proud that three of the new world champions are GripGrab sponsored riders.

Men Elite: Mathieu van der Poel with the GripGrab Raptor Glove



A raptor is a bird of prey. And Mathieu van der Poel had his prey in firm sight all over the 70 minutes race on Sunday. Once the lights turned green, the Raptor was flying along the course in Bogense. Mathieu chose the Raptor gloves for his second world title in the Elite category for its combination of outstanding grip and insulation. Made for high intensity racing in cold conditions, the Raptor gloves could be found on the hands of at least seven riders competing for the rainbow jersey. The InsideGrip technology with its silicone prints inside the palm made sure that Mathieu could hold his bars securely and focus on racing only. The thin softshell back protected his hands against the cold, while allowing his hands to let out excess heat. The non-padded palm allowed Mathieu to have a direct connection to his bars and feel the feedback from his bike as he negotiated the slippery course along the coast line.

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Men U23: Tom Pidcock with the GripGrab Racing Glove

When Tom Pidcock stormed to a commanding victory in the Men U23 category, he was armed with a special design of our proven Racing gloves. Tom is a rider who gets hot pretty quickly, so all he needed was outstanding grip on his bars and minimal protection, paired with maximum breathability. The Racing InsideGrip gloves suited him best for the conditions and high intensity racing. The airy mesh back allowed his hands to breathe, while the InsideGrip technology on the thin, non-padded palm secured his firm grip and control over his bike. Fun fact: Tom already used the Racing gloves at the World Championships in Bielefeld 2017, where he claimed the world title in the U19 category.



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Women Elite: Sanne Cant with the GripGrab Women's Insulator Glove

Did you know that World Champion Sanne Cant changed her gloves shortly before the start of the race? When a light drizzle began, she opted to exchange her Women's Shark for the warmer Women's Insulator. While its mélange grey design might be understated, Sanne's race certainly wasn't. Despite a charge by a handful of riders from the Netherlands, Sanne defeated all of them for her third consecutive world title in the Elite Women category. The Women's Insulator glove provided her with protection and insulation that she needed on a cold day of racing. The soft material gave her all the comfort she needed, so she could entirely focus on the race. Silicone prints on the palm created a firm connection to her bike, allowing Sanne to tackle the demanding course in Bogense.



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