

THE FUEL GUIDE



CARBOHYDRATE INTAKE RESULTS IN BETTER PERFORMANCE

In endurance-based sports, a major goal of training is to enhance the athletes' physiological systems to work at higher intensities. To achieve this, competitive athletes combine large volumes of training, including workouts with intensity levels at or faster than race pace.

Using a prescribed carbohydrate fueling strategy as part of your training program will help optimize your training effort and reduce early performance reductions or fatigue. Executing these fuel strategies in training and on race day will help decrease the risk of underperformance.

Caffeine has some well-known athletic benefits; increased alertness decreased perceived exertion and therefore reduced fatigue.

It takes time to reach effective levels in the body. Taking an appropriate dose of caffeine 60 minutes before training or racing can stimulate performance. Alternatively, take smaller doses of caffeine during a race or a hard training session before the onset of fatigue. Using caffeine together with carbohydrates provide an enhanced performance effect compared to taking each in isolation.

The following slides outline fueling strategies for common training sessions and race plans. Remember that a fuel guide is highly personal and varies depending on individual diets and also on specific training programs. The following information is for reference only and can help empower your training, by creating, refining, and help you execute your fuel strategy.



TRAINING PLANS





FLEMISH CLASSICS

Flemish classics climbs are short and steep and ridden close to full gas all the time. Lots of curves and crosswinds on narrow roads.

Intensive race with punchy climbs.

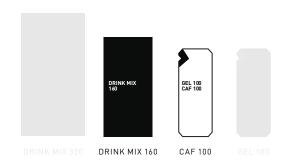
DURATION: 80 min DRINK MIX 1

WARM UP: 20 min 5 mins progression to threshold / FTP.

MAIN SET: 6 x 2 min First 30 sec attack @ 150% of FTP, then 1:30min @ 120% of FTP, Rest 5 min.

COOL DOWN: 20 min

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS







ARDENNES CLASSICS

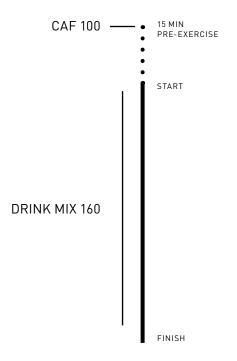
Here we prepare for longer climbs; maintaining VO₂-max. for longer periods.

DURATION: 90 min

WARM UP: 5 mins progression to threshold / FTP. 20 min

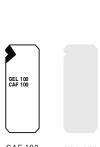
MAIN SET: First 1:30 min @ 120% of FTP, then 3:30 min @ 105% of FTP, Rest 5 min. 5 x 5 min

COOL DOWN: 20 min



RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS







SPRINT SPECIFIC

Sprinters on the road use a cadence around 110 rpm when they start their sprint and excellerate to 120 rpm. At other points during the session keep a cadence of 85-100 rpm.

DURATION: 100 min

WARM UP: 20 min 5 mins progression to threshold. FTP incl. a few 5 sec sprints.

MAIN SET: 2 x (4 x 10 sec) 5 min between sprints, 20 min between sets.

COOL DOWN: 20 min

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS







LONG CLIMB

This will prepare you for the long hill-top climbs. Climb fast with altering pace and build up to attacks. It is also an ideal opportunity to train your fueling strategy for a race.

DURATION: 180 min

WARM UP: 60 min 10 mins progression to threshold

MAIN SET: $3 \times 15 \text{ min}$ (1 min @ 110% of FTP + 4 min @ 95% of FTP) x 3 = 1 set.

Rest 10 min between sets.

COOL DOWN: 60 min

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS



CAF 100 + H₂0

60 MIN

START

DRINK MIX 320 + GEL 100

90 MIN

120 MIN

DRINK MIX 160

FINISH