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Small yet mighty, a hinge can make or break a frame — literally. Here are a few worth noting.

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1. ROUNDTEN The Perez's hinge design is free of screws and welds and was inspired by the need to eliminate impact between train cars. This durable frame with ready-for-anything hinges has a Flextal core. (877) 889-0399, villayewear.com, \$340 | **2. MYKITA** The Jojo features Mykita's patented Endura hinge, which is designed to require minimal maintenance or re-adjustment. The style, from the Acetate collection, is created with Acetate Renew. mykita.com, \$635 | **3. LIGHTEC** Featuring the brand's signature screwless, springless hinges, the 101710 has textured rims and a smooth, acetate front. (800) 526-8838, morel-france.com, \$315 | **4. SILHOUETTE** From the Lite Wave Collection, the 4559 has screwless hinges with a closing mechanism hidden in the endpiece to allow for seamless adjustments. (518) 272-5500, silhouette.com, \$500 | **5. MORGENTHAU FREDERICKS** Drawing inspiration from the decade of the same name, the Nineties Series includes the Ninety-Four, a round sun style with a custom cuff on the hinge to match its unique temple tips. (800) 899-1060, morgenthaufredericks.com, \$595 | **6. MARC JACOBS** A three-dimensional milling treatment defines the design of MJ 1045/S, which also features standout hinges with a metal plaque inside the temples. (800) 631-1188, mysaifilo.com, \$255 | **7. STARCK BIOTECH PARIS** Featuring the award-winning SPHERE hinge, the SH3081 is a combination frame that demonstrates Philippe Starck's legendary less-is-more approach. The hinge is a single ball of stainless steel inserted into an injected front and paired with an ultrathin titanium temple. (800) 422-2020, myluxottica.com, \$268 | **8. JF REY** Form meets function on the 1517, where the hinges serve as a cheerful accent on a masculine, acetate frame. jfreyfr/en, \$500 | **9. FYSH** The Ocean Gold (F-2073) is a patterned acetate with a head-turning, jewelry-inspired hinge design. (855) 455-0042, westgroupe.com, \$234.98