

FAST AND FURIOUS

The fun, fast and dirty sport of mountain biking is very popular and manufacturers are developing some serious cycling equipment. For endurance, comfort and efficiency, full-suspension technology has come to the fore. Full-suspension provides a controllable and comfortable ride, although hard-tails are still a favourite with many riders. Disc brakes give stopping power and low maintenance, they are gentle on the fingers too, but hold on tight! Intelligent suspension systems with hard-tail characteristics on smooth terrain and forgiving soft-tail handling on the rough stuff ensures comfort and efficiency. These are just some of the developments that together with weight saving materials and state-of-the-art manufacturing techniques make the modern bicycle an extreme machine.



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Specialized S-Works Epic Disc

- Cost: R32 000
- Weight: 12 kg
- Frame: M5 butted and manipulated alloy frame
- Groupset: Full Shimano XTR 27-speed drive train with four titanium cogs
- Fork: Fox Float F100X with inertia valve damping
- Crankset: Shimano XTR Hollowtech
- Rims: Mavic CrossMax SL Disc wheel set
- Suspension: Patented Specialized Brain shock with IQ adjustment feature, manufactured by Fox Racing Shox with air spring, rebound and threshold (sensitivity) adjust
- Saddle: Specialized BG technology, microfibre cover, Titanium rails
- Brakes: Shimano XTR hydraulic discs with metallic pads

Comments.
A bit heavy, but extremely good package. A favourite for those who still want hard-tail efficiency but require a more gentle ride or spend long hours in the saddle.



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Scott Genius RC Range

- Cost: R35 999
- Weight: 11.9 kg
- Frame: Scott carbon mainframe with 7005 butted alloy swing arm
- Groupset: Full Shimano XTR 27-speed
- Fork: Fox FX100 Terra Logic
- Crankset: Shimano XTR Hollowtech
- Rims: DT Swiss 240 S Disc with 'DT new aero' spokes
- Brakes: Shimano XTR hydraulic disc brakes
- Suspension: Genius TC EVO 1 with remote 3 mode lever and intelligent linkage
- Saddle: Selle Italy SLR XP Kevlar

Comments.
Expensive yet competitive. A good package with a light, yet stiff frame and excellent components. This is an all-round performer.



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Raleigh RM9.0

- Cost: R23 500
- Weight: 9.4 kg
- Frame: Ultra light custom butted frameset
- Groupset: Full Shimano XTR 27-speed
- Fork: Rock Shox SID Team with remote lever
- Crankset: Shimano XTR Hollowtech
- Rims: Mavic CrossMax SL UST system
- Brakes: Avid Single Digit Ti
- Suspension: N/A
- Saddle: Selle Italia SLR

Comments.
Very light, very fast. Champion's bike. This is a thoroughbred made for racing and no luxuries included. Ride it like it's stolen. It will be hard to find an excuse if you don't win on this bike.

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