

SRAM S60 WHEELS

Front £499.99, rear £599.99 New aero wheels

WHEN ZIPP BECAME part of the SRAM empire it made sense for SRAM to use the US company's design experience and launch some very Zipp-influenced aerodynamic clincher road wheels. The result is a range of three wheels – the S40, S60, S80 – which are available singly or as wheelsets. The number refers to the depth of the rim in millimetres – which is the only difference between the three wheels. The S40s and S60s have the same price, the S80 is £100 a pair dearer.

The S40 is designed for hillier rides and sprinting, the deepest S80 wheels are aimed more at the triathlon and time trialling market, while the mid-depth S60 which we tested is described by SRAM as the 'do-it-all' wheelset.

SRAM calls the rim shape 'toroidal', the carbon fibre rim getting slightly wider from the aluminium braking surface before narrowing again to the rim. It's the same shape Zipp uses for its wheels, without the golfball aero dimples. The spokes (18 front, 20 rear) are aero-bladed, straight pull Sapims which attach directly to the rim.

At 1750g per pair these aren't a light set of wheels, but our impression from riding them – earlier in the year in Majorca and this summer – is that they are a genuinely fast, high performance wheel. We'll be testing them longer term and racing on them over the next few months to see if they live up to our initial expectations. www.fisheroutdoor.co.uk

High performance all-round road wheels

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ASGARD ACCESS BIKE SHED

£499 inc delivery + £49 for two shelves and 5 hooks Tough bike store

STORAGE IS ALWAYS a problem for cyclists – you trip over the oily things in the house, and unless you've got a good garage, there's nowhere safe or secure enough to leave them outside either. Wooden sheds? Bike nicking scum laugh at them. The alternative is a metal storage unit like the Access bike shed.

Made of heavy galvanised steel the Access has loads of well-thought out security features,

such as twin shielded padlocks (included), reinforced and bolted double opening doors, and a huge gas lift assisted lid. Once bolted down outside the house to an area of flat hardstanding, we wouldn't think twice about leaving thousands of pounds worth of bikes in it. It will fit four adult bikes and the shelves and hooks kit make it even more versatile. Delivery is free, and for an extra £100 Asgard will assemble it – otherwise expect a morning of fiddling. www.asgardss.co.uk

GAERNE G.FORA SHOES

£139.99 Good quality carbon-soled shoes

DESPITE THE SOLE of these feeling very stiff, they are a surprisingly comfortable shoe to ride in, and that sole is four-bolt compatible too (handy for cleats compatible with a fourth bolt for memorising cleat position). The fit is very good, and the adjustable main pad on the top strap (Gaerne call this the Adjustable Instep Closure System) made getting them to fit different feet a doddle. A replaceable heel protector and micro-adjust buckle along with a padded tongue for comfort and reflective detail on the heels round off an impressive pair of shoes that are perfectly suited to almost any kind of riding. www.hotlines-uk.com

Comfy, adjustable and yet stiff enough for racing duties

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Impressively strong with an excellent attack-proof design

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