

Bicycling  2007 EDITORS' CHOICE

Gear



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AFTER THOUSANDS OF MILES OF TESTING, HERE THEY ARE, THE 2007 EDITORS' CHOICE WINNERS.

ENTRY-LEVEL ROAD BIKE

JAMIS VENTURA COMP \$700

We continue to marvel at how much bike you can get for about \$700—and how a bike for this little money can be not only a great starter ride, but also perfectly suitable for the casual, seasoned cyclist. The Trek 1000, the Entry Road podium holder for the previous two years, was knocked off its perch by the even-more-capable Jamis Ventura Comp. It was lauded for the much-cleaner shifting of its compact gearing (the Giant and Trek had triple front chainrings) and a “tighter gearing spread that made finding a comfortable tempo much easier.” We also liked the “best saddle on a beginner bike, ever, and the best brakes of the bunch,” and a “neutral” ride that testers applauded for comfort as well as for vigorous riding. WEIGHT: 20.7 lb. (54cm) INFO: jamisbikes.com

RINNERS-UPGIANT OCR 3 (\$650).....TREK 1000 (\$710)



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