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JAMIS XENITH COMP

Jamis's new Xenith Comp has been two years in the making, with input from Jamis pros, who liked the plush ride of the original Xenith but wanted better power transmission and quicker acceleration. Jamis ride-tuned each tube of the Xenith Comp using two types of high-modulus carbon fiber. (The sub-900-gram, top-line, \$5,100 Xenith Team shares the same dimensions as the Comp but has three types of carbon tubing.) The drive-side chainstay is 10 percent larger than the nondrive side to combat the asymmetrical forces of sprinting, and the stays are ovalized and thicker at the midpoint to provide the least amount of torsional flex under strain. The rear end has forged dropouts with a replaceable derailleur hanger, not a one-piece model that could be damaged in a wreck. The fork is full carbon (not carbon with an alloy steerer) and was designed by Jamis to

Design input from pros and top-end carbon fiber make the Jamis Xenith Comp a solid ride.

be very laterally stiff. The clamp-on front derailleur puts less stress on a single spot on the frame than a braze-on.

The spec is also very good, with a complete Shimano 105 kit, including brakes, wheels and shifters, plus an Ultegra 10-speed rear derailleur and FSA Gossamer compact chainrings to aid in climbing. The ride is impressive. Our test model weighed 18.5 pounds but rode lighter, accelerating from a standstill with snap, and cornering precisely without being jittery, letting us dive for the inside line without oversteering. It's a rare carbon bike, one that feels quick and alive yet totally stable, and can still soak up the worst road chatter.

The Xenith Comp is a great all-rounder for club rides or solo training.—Michael Frank

PRICE: \$2,000 **HIT:** A steal, with design and spec that belie the price **MISS:** Wheelset may be too flexy for big riders

WEIGHT: 18.5 lb. (54cm) **SIZES:** 48,51,54 (tested),56,58,61cm **FRAME:** T700 and M30 high-modulus carbon fiber

FORK: Jamis hi-modulus carbon w/ carbon steerer **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano 105 brake levers and front derailleur, Ultegra rear derailleur, WH-R500 wheels; Vittoria Zaffiro 23c tires; FSA Gossamer Compact crank (50/34); Easton EA30 stem and handlebar; Selle San Marco Ponza saddle **INFO:** jamisbikes.com