



ALTERNATIVE track cont'd

JAMIS Sonik \$1,275

BUILT FOR THE BOARDS

SPEED ONLY: This is a purebred velodrome machine. The frame geometry is built for the raw top-end, with a steep 74.5-degree head angle for ultrasensitive steering and short 38.5cm chainstays for explosive power transfer. The 20mm Vittoria tires are narrow as knife blades, and of course brakes are nowhere to be found. **BIKE FOR LIFE!** Track bikes don't see the abuse of grimy roads or foul weather, and with few moving parts, a rig like the Sonik can last for decades with little more than fresh tires—the perfect justification for dropping more than a grand on a niche steed. **SIZES:** 48, 51, 54, 56, 58, 61cm **FRAME:** Aero 7005 butted aluminum **FORK:** Carbon fiber **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Truvativ Omnium 1.1 crankset (48); Selle San Marco Blaze saddle; Easton EA50 bar, stem; American Classic 420 track wheels; Vittoria UltraSpeed tires—A.C.

ALTERNATIVE tandem

SCHWINN Tango \$599

GET ON, GET ON AND GO, GO

ASTYLIN' RIDE: Schwinn uses its 1955 cantilever cruiser frame design to make a tandem perfect for a leisurely roll around the neighborhood. **PEDAL YOUR WAY:** On most tandems the cranks turn in sync because they are bound by the chain, but the Tango has an Independent Pedaling System that allows the stoker to coast while the captain powers the bike. **NO PAIN:** The Tango has all the plush parts that make cruisers so comfortable, such as wide, padded saddles and high-rise chrome handlebars. **SIZE:** One **FRAME:** Steel **FORK:** Steel unicrown w/ rack mounts **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Tourney TY-40 rear derailleur, Schwinn forged one-piece Independent Pedaling System, 46t sprocket; Shimano Revo shifters, 7-speed Mega Range cassette (14-34); ProMax alloy V-brakes; Schwinn Typhoon Cord 1.25-in. tires—Ron Koch



CANNONDALE Street Tandem \$1,700

NEVER DROP YOUR SPOUSE AGAIN

GOING BIG: Cannondale puts its oversize-aluminum expertise to work on the Street tandem using massive, flex-free yet lightweight tubes. **SURE AND STEADY:** Because the captain has to balance the stoker, ample standover height is vital—Cannondale's classic Delta V frame provides tons of clearance. Tough 26-inch wheels will feel comfortable at all speeds and on most surfaces. A Promax suspension seatpost for the stoker takes the sting out of bumps. **HIS AND HERS:** The captain gets a men's Selle Royal RLV saddle, and the stoker gets its women's counterpart. **SIZES:** M/S, L/S, L/M, X/S, X/ **FRAME:** Mountain Tandem **FORK:** Fatty R Tandem **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** SRAM X.5 shifters and rear derailleur; Truvativ 5D tandem crankset (48/38/28); Sunrace M66 cassette (11-32); Cannondale Fire brakes; CST Traveler 2.0-in. tires—R.K.

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TREK T 2000 \$3,850

TWICE AS FAST

PUMP UP THE VELOCITY: Trek outfits the T 2000 with go-fast goodies such as Bontrager Race Lite Tandem wheels and 28c tires to transfer your power to the pavement. The aluminum frame resists flex to keep handling sharp and speed high. **SMART PARTS:** The beefy, tandem-specific carbon-fiber fork dissipates vibration in the same way as those on regular road bikes. The triple-chaining gearing lets riders tractor up hills in the granny and then spin the 52-11 to eye-watering speeds. **SIZES:** 54/44, 56.5/45, 59/46cm **FRAME:** ZR 9000 alloy **FORK:** Bontrager Satellite Plus Carbon Tandem **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano ST-R600 STI shifters; Deore XT rear derailleur, R600 brakes; Bontrager Race X Lite crankset (52/39/30); SRAM PG970 cassette (11-34); Bontrager Race Lux front and Select FIT CRZ+ rear saddle—R.K.

ALTERNATIVE travel

DOWNTUBE 9 \$299

QUICK-CHANGE ARTIST

FULL-FEATURED FOLDER: The price belies the suspension fork, nine-speed drivetrain, direct-pull canti brakes, fenders and rear rack. And Downtube claims this munchkin can fold in 10 seconds with just two quick-release couplers, one on the down tube and one on the stem extension. It's the perfect rig for any train or bus commuter with more than a few blocks between the station and home or work. **GET MORE FOR LESS:** Downtube's most expensive bike costs \$459, but has features that compare to some pricier rigs. Founder Dr. Yan Lyansky sources direct from Asia and sells to customers online to cut costs. **SIZE:** One **FRAME:** Aluminum **FORK:** Zoom suspension w/ 20mm travel **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Sun Race M90 9-speed shifters, rear derailleur and cassette; direct-pull cantilever brakes; Kenda 20x1.5-in. tires—Joe Lindsey



DAHON Tornado \$2,200

A CLASSY WAY TO TOUR

BRANCHING OUT: The Tornado uses Ritchey Break-Away couplers, expanding Dahon's line from folders to this full-fledged tourer. **LOADED:** The 27-speed Tornado comes with a touring-friendly 48/38/28 triple crankset and 11-26 cassette to tackle hills even under full load. Every parts pick—from the fat Schwalbe tires with puncture protection to the bar-top Tektro brake levers, is designed for durability and comfort. The frame has rack and fender eyelets, and the relaxed geometry offers stable handling under load. **SIZES:** 52, 56, 60cm **FRAME:** Lugged Tange Prestige steel **FORK:** Tange chromoly **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano ST4500 STI shifters, Ultegra rear derailleur; Tektro cantilever brakes; Sugino XD triple crankset; American Classic hubs; Schwalbe Marathon Racer 35c tires; Airporter II suitcase—J.L.