



LITESPEED TACHYON \$2,595

A true multiuse speedster returns

GENERALIST: Litespeed makes pricey, time-trial-specific and tri-specific framesets, but this year the multiuse Tachyon has been brought back as a more affordable all-purpose bike; it retains the high-performance ride quality that makes a Litespeed a Litespeed. **COMFORT:** Radially curved seatstays give the bike a bit more compliance than dedicated TT race bikes, making it a smart choice for less-seasoned TT riders, or anyone who simply wants an aero bike for long rides. **FRAME:** Cold-worked GET 3Al/2.5V titanium **FORK:** Real Design Aero carbon fiber **SIZES:** 47, 49cm (650c wheels); 51, 53, 55, 57, 59cm (700c) **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano Dura-Ace thumb-shifters, 105 derailleurs and brakes; Dia Compe 188 brake levers; FSA Energy cranks, RD 80 wheels; Vittoria Rubino Pro Slick tires; Vision Base aero handlebar, TT clip-on bar, Sizemore stem; Litespeed aluminum seatpost, Velo Tri Specific saddle **CONTACT:** 800/229-0198; litespeed.com—M.C.



KESTREL TALON SL \$4,699

A carbon time-trial flier roadies will find familiar

ONE PIECE: The Talon SL's monocoque, high-modulus carbon mainframe with optimized fiber orientation is based on Kestrel's stellar Talon road frame—only with more aerodynamic shapes. **SPACEY:** To achieve the proper aero rider position, Kestrel uses a longer "road-racing" top tube with a dual position seatpost, making this a great choice for riders not used to a dedicated TT bike. **FRAME:** 800k high-modulus carbon fiber **FORK:** EMS Pro carbon **SIZES:** 48, 52, 55, 57, 60cm **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano Dura-Ace STI shifters, derailleurs, crankset, brakes; Velomax Orion II wheels; Michelin Pro 2 Race tires; Oval TT stem, handlebar; Kestrel Aero seatpost; Selle Italia SLR-XP saddle **CONTACT:** 831/464-9079; kestell-usa.com—M.C.



BIANCHI VOLPE \$849

From fast centuries to gravel trails, one bike that can do it all

THE CHAMELEON: With relaxed frame angles, the Volpe is stable and surefooted, whether cruising down gravel roads or hauling down a mountain pass with loaded bags. But it's far more nimble than a fat-tire machine, letting you zip along in that quick paceline with ease. **ADVENTURE-READY:** SPD-style pedals let you spin efficiently with perfectly walkable shoes, and the steel frame can be repaired by the village blacksmith should you damage it when you're way out there. Plus, the simple, spring-suspension seatpost saves your backside without complicated, suspension workings. **SIZES:** 44, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61cm **FRAME/FORK:** Chromoly steel **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano 27-speed Tiagra brake/shift levers, front derailleur and hubs, Deore rear derailleur, cantilever brakes; Sugino XD500T cranks (28/38/48); VP clipless pedals; Alex rims; WTB Ali Terrainasaurus tires **CONTACT:** bianchiusa.com—Alan Côté



NOVARA RANDONEE \$899

A budget bike for that full-pannier, coast-to-coast ramble

LOAD 'ER UP: With mounts for racks and fenders, both front and rear, and laid-back frame angles for predictable handling, the Randonee begs you to punch out of work for a month or two and hit the road. **IRONY:** When you finally return to the daily grind, the Randonee will make a perfect commuter bike. **FIRST UPGRADE:** Clipless pedals—a necessity for hauling big loads up big hills. **SIZES:** 47, 52, 55, 59cm **FRAME/FORK:** Chromoly steel **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano 24-speed Tiagra drivetrain, cranks (30/42/52) and hubs, cantilever brakes; Mavic T224 rims; Vittoria Randonneur 32c tires; Ritchey stem, handlebar and seatpost **CONTACT:** 800/426-4840; novarabike.com—A.C.

KLEIN: Small aluminum-frame maker that prizes craftsmanship