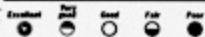


# Ratings



## Touring bicycles

Listed in order of estimated overall quality. Except where separated by heavy rules, differences between closely ranked models were small. All have 27-in. wheels and closed frame; open ("mixte") frames are sometimes available. Prices are mfr. suggested retail; + indicates shipping is extra; discounts may be available.

| Brand and model                       | Price | Weight, lb. | Frame size, in. (1) | Shifting      |          |          |              |              |      |       | Braking quality |          |               |              | Comments |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|------|-------|-----------------|----------|---------------|--------------|----------|
|                                       |       |             |                     | Pedaling ease | Handling | Shifting | Braking, dry | Braking, wet | Head | Crank | Wheel           | Rigidity | Pedal quality | Seat comfort |          |
| <b>Letus Excelle</b>                  | \$279 | 26          | 23 (19.21,25,27)    | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | B        |
| <b>Centurion Accorde</b>              | 250   | 27          | 23 (20,21,26)       | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | I        |
| <b>Letus Challenger, A Best Buy</b>   | 215   | 29          | 22 (18,20,24,26)    | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | B,D      |
| <b>Panasonic DX 2000</b>              | 270   | 25          | 24 (20,22,26,28)    | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | B,C,I    |
| <b>Bridgestone 500</b>                | 300   | 25          | 23 (19,21,25)       | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | B,C,F,I  |
| <b>Raleigh Team USA</b>               | 290   | 26          | 23 (19,21,25,27)    | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | B,C,I    |
| <b>Fuji Espree</b>                    | 290   | 25          | 23 (19,21,25)       | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | B,C,I    |
| <b>Schwinn Le Tour</b>                | 265   | 26          | 23 (19,21,25,27)    | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | B,C,I    |
| <b>Peugeot PN10LE</b>                 | 270   | 25          | (3)                 | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | B,C,I    |
| <b>Trek 400</b>                       | 319   | 25          | 24 (19,22,25,25½)   | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | B,C      |
| <b>Raleigh Pursuit</b>                | 190   | 30          | 23 (19,21,25)       | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | D        |
| <b>Fuji Regis</b>                     | 200   | 29          | 23 (19,21,25,27)    | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,D      |
| <b>Nishiki Sport</b>                  | 210   | 29          | 23 (19,21,25,27)    | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,I      |
| <b>Centurion Cavalletto</b>           | 179   | 32          | 23 (20,21,25)       | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,E,F,G  |
| <b>Motobecane Mirage</b>              | 220   | 26          | 23 (19,5,21,25)     | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | D,I      |
| <b>Nishiki Rally</b>                  | 160   | 32          | 23 (19,21,27)       | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,E,G    |
| <b>Schwinn Sprint</b>                 | 150   | 32          | 23 (19,21,25)       | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,E,G    |
| <b>Peugeot PG</b>                     | 180   | 29          | (3)                 | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,D,H    |
| <b>Saint Tropez Classic</b>           | 180   | 29          | 23 (21,25)          | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | D        |
| <b>Motobecane Le Velo</b>             | 165   | 29          | 23 (19,5,21,25)     | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,E,G    |
| <b>Panasonic Sport 500</b>            | 160   | 32          | 23 (17,5,19,21,25)  | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,E,F,G  |
| <b>Bridgestone 100</b>                | 160   | 32          | 23 (19,21,23)       | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,D,G    |
| <b>Ross Enhancer</b>                  | 160   | 31          | 23 (19,21,25)       | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,E,G    |
| <b>Huffy 626</b>                      | 125   | 35          | 22                  | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | E,F,G    |
| <b>Montgomery Ward Cat. No. 80359</b> | 150+  | 35          | 22                  | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,E,F,G  |
| <b>Murray Cintre</b>                  | 170   | 32          | 21 (23)             | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | E,F,G    |
| <b>Sears FS-12 Cat. No. 47143</b>     | 170+  | 32          | 21 (19)             | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | E,F,G    |
| <b>Columbia Shadow</b>                | 100   | 35          | 22 (21)             | ●             | ●        | ●        | ●            | ●            | ●    | ●     | ●               | ●        | ●             | ●            | A,E,F,G  |

(1) First number is size tested; other available sizes listed in parentheses.

(2) Sold in metric sizes. We tested a 60-cm (23½ in.) model; other sizes are available.

### Specifications and Features

Except as noted, all have: • 12-speed derailleurs • Derailleur controls mounted on handlebars • Auxiliary brake levers • Quick-release on both wheels • Brake release on wheels • Aluminum wheel rims • Disk-chain guard



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wheel rims, undesirable for wet braking • Metal wheel rims, but brake pads are mated with metal and enhanced wet braking in our tests. • Chain guard.