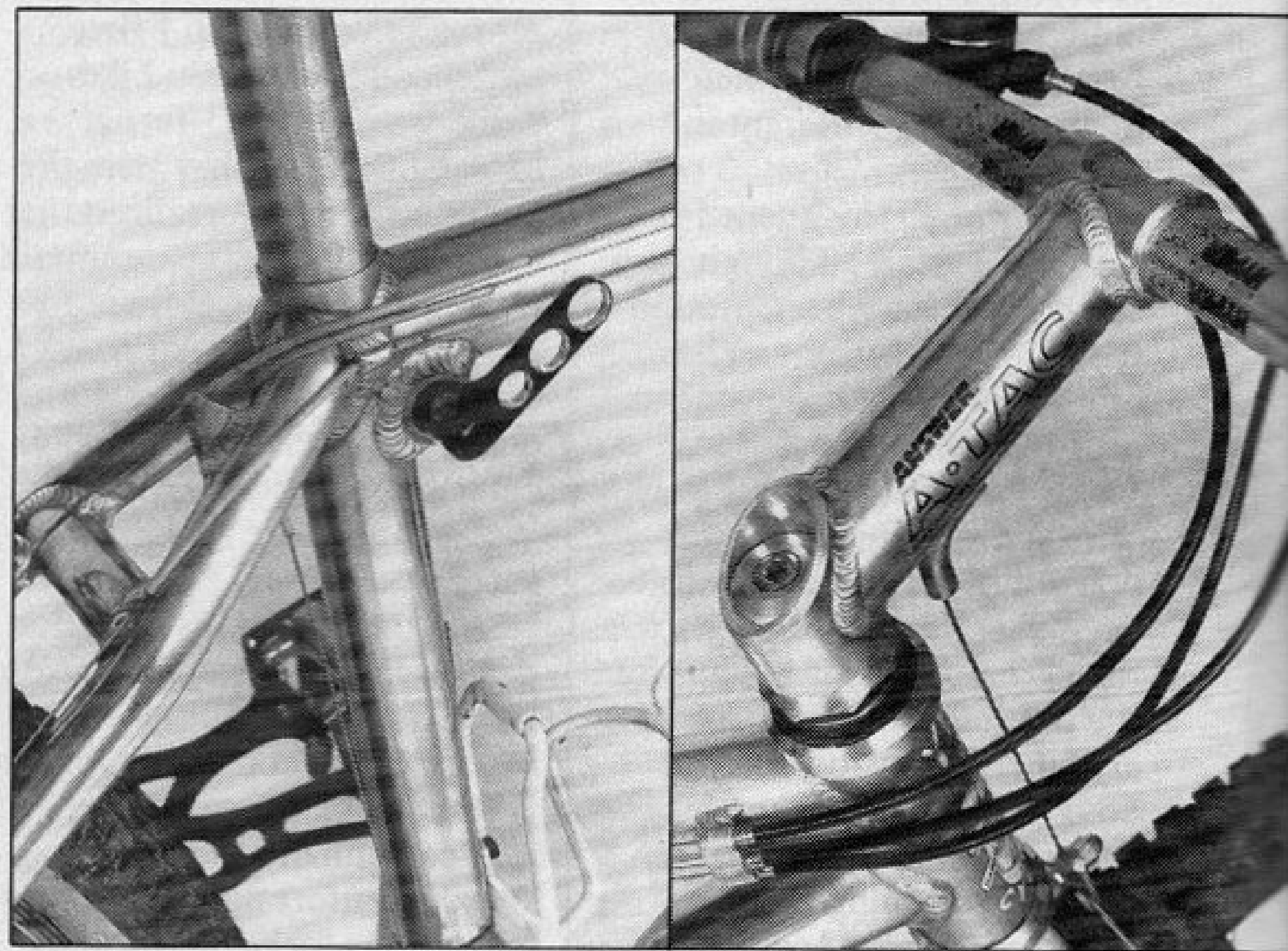


Beating Around The Bush

HOW LIGHT IS LIGHT? EASTON'S NEWEST ALLOY



Show-stopper: Yeti Cycles made its name with steel bikes that aren't known for being light, but at the Anaheim Bike Show they showed up with a new aluminum bike that weighed less than 21 lb. The tubing represents the latest in alloy technology from Easton and it goes by the name of Pro-Gram 7000 series. Yeti put a heavier wheel assembly on for the bike's inaugural race, where it finished second at 23 lb. The tubing is currently being used exclusively by Yeti and Manitou Bicycles.



Left: Flush mount: To save even more weight and to decrease the leverage on the thin tubes, Yeti cut the seat tube flush with the top tube and installed an internal cam-tightening seatpost binder. The wrecking crew is currently testing Manitou's newest bike with the thin alloy tubes—we'll let you know if it lasts in a future issue. **Right: Easton trio:** In an attempt to save even more weight, the boys at Yeti made the Answer A-Tac stem even lighter by boring a big hole in the bar mount and cutting down the top of the stem. Answer is now making available polished stems to go along with their non-anodized Hyperlite bars.