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# EVOLUTION VS. REVOLUTION \_

Once in a blue moon, the world enjoys a truly groundbreaking revolution in cycling. An innovation that heralds a new era and that makes anything seen so far look small. Something that makes cycling easier, more convenient and better.

Like mountain bike suspension systems. They have made roads that seemed to be not negotiable before accessible. Or like the use of new materials such as the lightweight and stiff material carbon fibre for frame construction. Or e-bikes: While pedelecs still had an outdated image a few years ago, e-bikes have finally established themselves across all age groups, social classes and bike categories.

However, it is not just the large steps that bring us forward, but also the small changes, the continuous improvements, the tuning. In the best case, those fine tunings evolutionise a product, which means they turn an envisaged target product into a really practical and user-oriented actual product that leaves almost nothing to be desired. And maybe the successful evolution of a thing even achieves a more sustainable result than a revolution the time is not ripe for.

Our aim is to give those two key aspects for the development of new products the attention they deserve. We continuously develop our products further and think up new, pioneering ideas.

At ROSE revolution does however not mean innovation at all costs. When launching a product it needs to be fully developed and ready. We do not see our customers as guinea pigs, we test our innovations ourselves to offer products of highest quality – down to the last detail. Read on page 42 in the category INSIDE ROSE how we adjust suspension elements to the characteristics of our mountain bikes and how much tuning and tinkering is required.



Thorsten Heckrath-Rose, management

We always strive to continuously improve our bikes – in broad outlines and in great detail. No matter if it is a road bike, a mountain bike, a trekking or a fitness bike. For the 2017 season, we have revised a lot of models, ranging from marginal changes through to fundamental ones. Of course, we will also present completely new bikes that are the result of our experience and knowledge gained over the past years. Read more about the new bikes of the ROSE model range for the coming season in the INFO POINT on page 14.

Evolution requires feedback. The daily life with our products shows what has proved worthwhile and what could still be further improved. Every day we experience – in our BIKETOWN stores or over the phone – how much time our customers spend with their bikes, as well as what ideas and what valuable suggestions for improvement they have. Online on our website [rosebikes.com](http://rosebikes.com), too, every ROSE customer can share their experiences with us and other customers. Your opinion is important to us, as it helps us to further improve to make cycling brilliant fun.

With this in mind, I hope you will enjoy reading the new issue of the Cycle Stories!

Yours, Thorsten Heckrath-Rose

*Thorsten Heckrath-Rose*

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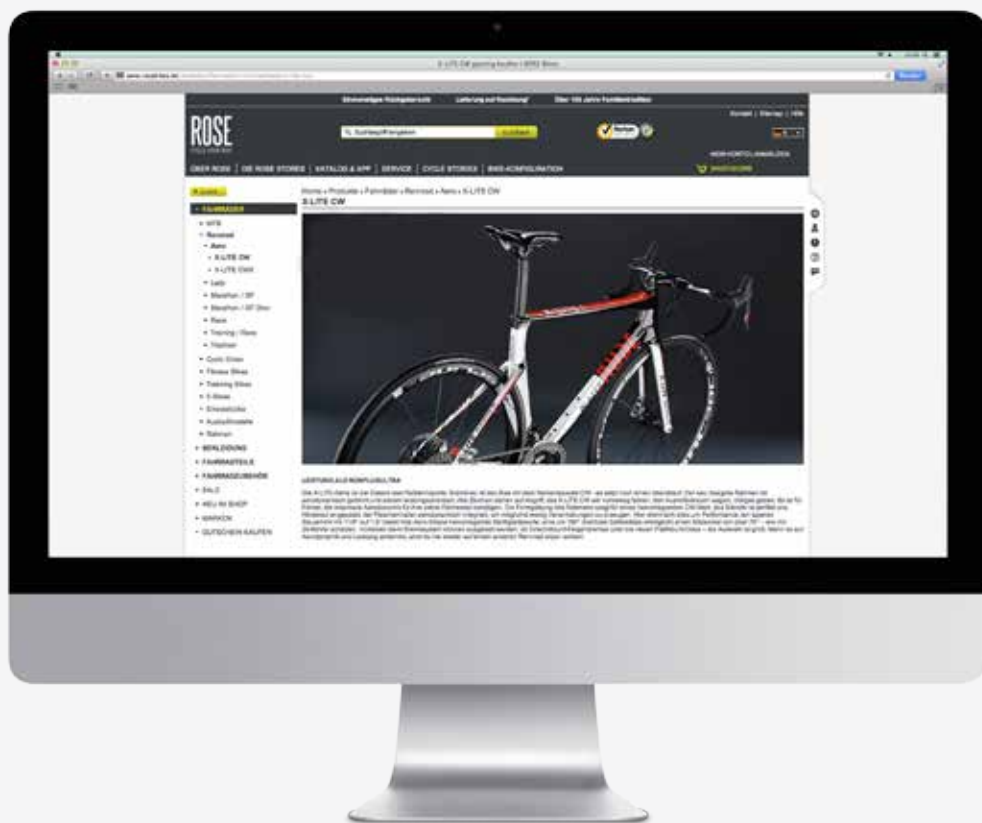
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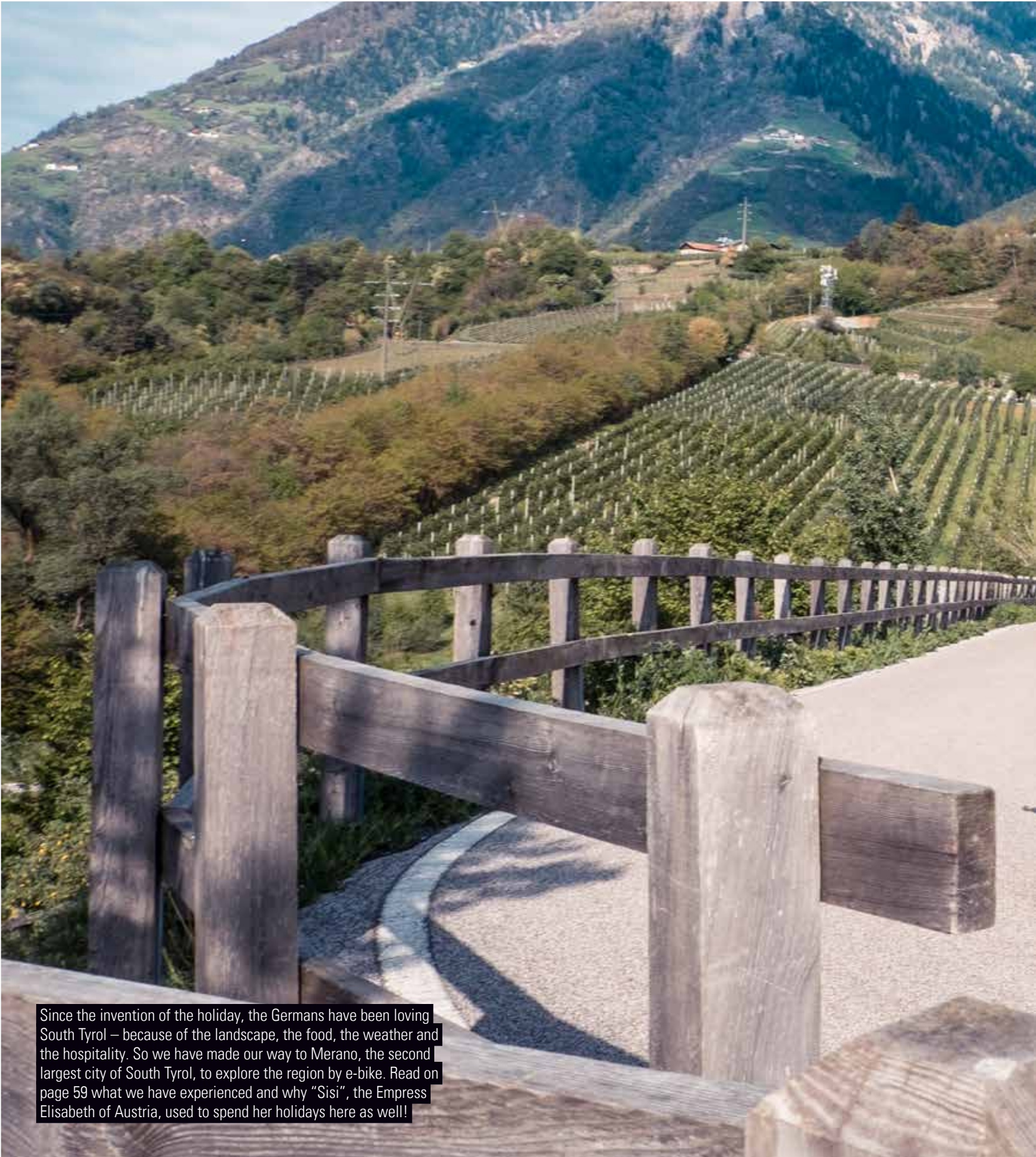


The Portuguese island of Madeira is considered to be the Island of Flowers and a real holiday paradise. Stefanie Klostermeier will show us that this island is however also perfectly suitable for dirty tours. The German downhill biker is a bike guide and knows almost every trail in Madeira. On page 19, she will take you on a tour around the unique island that is still considered to be an MTB inside tip!









Since the invention of the holiday, the Germans have been loving South Tyrol – because of the landscape, the food, the weather and the hospitality. So we have made our way to Merano, the second largest city of South Tyrol, to explore the region by e-bike. Read on page 59 what we have experienced and why “Sisi”, the Empress Elisabeth of Austria, used to spend her holidays here as well!









The little town of Marostica is located in the middle of rolling hills in Venetia. This is where one of the country's most beautiful bike marathons takes place every year, the "Grand Fondo fi'zi:k Città di Marostica". With over 2500 participants, it is one of the biggest cycle races of the country. We entered the fray to compete with a specially tough opponent: the weaker self. Read on page 79 who won the race!





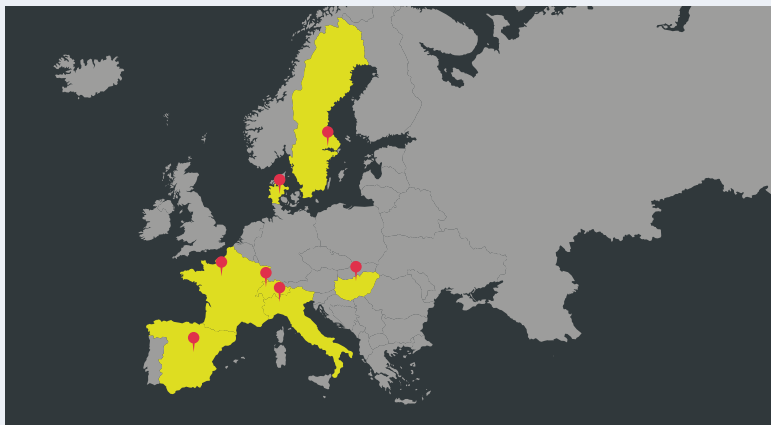


# NEWS, DATES & EVENTS

## INFO POINT

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CYCLING WORLD OF ROSE? THE INFO POINT IS THE SECTION FOR ALL EVENTS, TEAM NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING. COME RIGHT IN AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE!

### ROSE showrooms



**G**ood news for all those who want to get a first-hand look at ROSE bikes outside of Germany: ROSE continues to further expand its showroom network! By now there are already showrooms in seven different countries where you can test and examine our bikes. Among

others, ROSE has got showrooms in Switzerland, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, France, Spain and Hungary. You will not only find the latest ROSE models, but also modern and stylish premises at prime locations. For more information see: [rosebikes.com/showrooms](http://rosebikes.com/showrooms).



ROSE Showroom Stockholm, Sweden



ROSE Showroom Budapest, Hungary



ROSE Showroom Biel, Switzerland

## A good start into the 2017 model year!

ROSE test riders and engineers are permanently busy improving and further developing the bikes from Bocholt. Better materials and new geometries further boost the bikes' performances. For the 2017 model year, too, there are some red-hot gems. In the following, we will present you two interesting new models!

### ROOT MILLER



**F**or the 2017 model year, our ROOT MILLER has undergone a comprehensive makeover. Until now, the basic model has come with 130 mm of travel at the front and rear while the separately offered "Supertrail" version has at least had a travel of 140 mm at the front. We have pushed the new ROOT MILLER further towards the trail: It now has a front and rear travel of 140 mm, the

top tube is 15 mm longer and the stem 10 mm shorter. Besides, the head tube angle was adjusted for better downhill characteristics – it was slackened by 1,5°. The Boost standard also contributes to the performance boost of the ROOT MILLER, as wider hubs ensure noticeably stiffer wheels. Thanks to a larger tyre clearance, the bike can now be used with 29" wheels (up to a width of 2,6") and

wheels with a 27,5+ size (width: min. 2,8", max. 3,0"). So depending on the individual setup, the new ROOT MILLER is not only suitable for All Mountain but also for Enduro use. Moreover, it comes with a new bottom bracket standard (now BSA – lower maintenance, reduces the risk of cracking) and a new frame design that allows for the use of rear shocks with metric measurements.

## X-LITE CDX



**T**he X-LITE CDX represents the new highlight of ROSE's road bike marathon line. The light marathon disc racer is made of lightweight T60/40 carbon and comes in a new and attractive design. The carbon frame is based on the design of the current XEON TEAM CGF line. The seat stays are not as strongly bent as

they used to be before. Both frame and fork offer more tyre clearance and thus allow for the use of tyres with an effective width of up to 32 mm. Especially for mountain bikers, this might be an interesting option. Particular attention should also be paid to the rear triangle where you can find a 12 mm thru axle which

strongly increases the stiffness in this area. 12 mm thru axles seem to establish themselves as a standard in cycle racing and this is what we have borne in mind when developing this bike. The cable guides have been revised, too: The clips are now even more user friendly, which significantly facilitates servicing or cable replacement.

## 2016 MUKO BIKE TOUR

**S**upporting cystic fibrosis research while pedalling hard! In 2016, too, the MUKO BIKE TOUR was a successful event with benefits for all participants. Around 400 cyclists came to BIKETOWN Bocholt on 2 July 2016 to do a bike tour for a good cause and for fun. For the fourth time already, ROSE has supported "Deutsche Gesellschaft der Mukoviszidose e.V." (German Cystic Fibrosis Society). This year, we even set a new donation record with a sum of € 57.000. All those who could not do the tour but want to help nevertheless can still do so. The limited ROSE



2016 MUKO BIKE TOUR jersey is still available for € 39,95. The net proceeds are completely donated (item number: 2155128). For 2017, we also plan to do

a MUKO BIKE TOUR and to launch a benefit jersey. For the exact date and all relevant information see [www.rosebikes.com/mukobiketour](http://www.rosebikes.com/mukobiketour).





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# MADEIRA TRAIL TALES AND GRAVITY GUSTO

A COLOURFUL LOVE STORY

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STEFFI IS IN LOVE. NOT WITH A TATTOOED, BEARDED BAD BOY. NOT WITH A THOROUGHLY FIT, SUN-TANNED SURFER BOY. NOT WITH A SOPHISTICATED, SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAN. STEFFI IS IN LOVE WITH AN ISLAND. A FLOWER ISLAND. MADEIRA. THERE ARE ONLY FEW SPOTS ON EARTH WHERE NATURE, CULTURE AND MOUNTAIN BIKING ARE AS CLOSE TO EACH OTHER AS HERE. THE VEGETATION IS COLOURFUL AND WILD. THE INHABITANTS ARE HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY. THE TRAILS ARE VARIED AND FAST. THE RESULT IS A DECLARATION OF LOVE TO MOUNTAIN BIKING, GROWN FROM ROCK AND PLANTS.





Oh! Last week, there was still a trail here...

**S**tefanie Klostermeier is a real gravity girl. For her, there is only one direction and one speed: downhill and fast. Apart from her life as a student, she takes part in German downhill and enduro races. Since 2014 she has also worked as a guide in Madeira from time to time. "I actually ended up here by chance, but I immediately fell in love with this beautiful spot. The island is relatively small and yet incredibly versatile for us mountain bikers. As regards nature, it's simply crazy how colourful the landscape is here." When talking of the island, that covers 741 square kilometres and is situated in the Atlantic Ocean, her eyes shine. A good reason for us to check out and present you Madeira.

Geographically, Madeira lies considerably closer to the coast of Morocco than to the coast of Portugal. Nevertheless, the island that is also known as the Flower Island belongs to the last-named country. 250 000 people are living here, there are more than 3300 different animal species as well as numerous plants and bushes. The inhabitants of Madeira are called Madeirans and their most popular export hit is Cristiano Ronaldo. The well-groomed pigskin kicker was even honoured with a three-metre high bronze statue and an own museum in the capital Funchal.

When it comes to mountain biking fun, Madeira particularly offers advanced bikers a versatile trail

network with a breathtaking view. "Sometimes it can be hard to find the trails. That is why I would recommend everyone to discover the island together with a bike guide or at least with a shuttle service. As nature is growing wild here, you may sometimes need to take a short detour to get to the desired trail or destination. Moreover, many beautiful downhill trails can be found off the known roads." Steffi knows what she is talking about. Since 2014, she has regularly worked as a bike guide for the local operator "Bikulture" in Madeira. Even though the tour operators only discovered mountain bike tourism a few years ago, a lot has happened since then. An extensive trail network, a shuttle service and a hotel network have sprouted up – and still continue to grow.





A race-proven bike guide:  
Stefanie Klostermeier



Thanks to a very mild climate,  
the average temperature  
does not even drop below  
20 degrees in winter.

The island's own MTB scene largely consists of gravity newcomers. You only rarely meet cross country riders, however, there are many enduro and downhill enthusiasts here who enjoy the downhill trails all year long. Thanks to a very mild climate, the average temperature does not even drop below 20 degrees in winter. In summer, the average temperature is 25 degrees and there is a pleasant trade wind to cool down. Here you can find almost everything a mountain biker's heart could wish for, ranging from flat sections on the plateau through to downhill slopes of 30 percent.

Nevertheless, Madeira is not an MTB area for beginners. "Most tracks are flowing and very varied. However, in order to fully enjoy the trails you should have certain riding skills. The trails are partially really fast and the vegetation does not make it easier for you. You should thus be able to spontaneously jump over or curve around a branch or bush that crosses the trail to survive the downhill."







All those who have had enough of the beautiful view can simply take one of the many trails downhill and bomb down towards the home base.

Apart from singletracks that wind their way through eucalyptus forests, flower fields and past fern trees, a 2000-kilometre long network of “Levadas” connects the island from the north to the south. Levadas, this is how you call the artificially created water channels that are mostly flanked by gravel paths. And it’s exactly those gravel paths that form a perfect network in the mountains of Madeira. This is why you can easily switch from one trail to the other.



Madeira’s plateau, the Sierra do Paul, is especially worth seeing. At the edge of this plateau you can perfectly press knobby tyres into the ground on a circuit – with a breathtaking view of the island. The terrain here on top is undulating, there are no miles long up- or downhill sections. Nevertheless, you can gain a lot of speed on the route and enjoy flowing single-tracks and corners. All those who have had enough of the beautiful view can simply take one of the many trails downhill and bomb down towards the home base.

A double loop in Madeira







The bike guide knows the way!  
Steffi shows you the way!

"There are many demanding tracks in Madeira," Steffi explains. "So it's good to have some travel reserves. My favourite bike for this terrain is the ROSE UNCLE JIMBO. 160 mm of travel at the front and a rear travel of 165 mm are just right for me. What's more, the bike is easy to handle, which is ideal for fast cornering. Moreover, it is extremely robust and reliable, which is especially important for me as a bike guide. In the end, I ride my bike very often and defects would be really nerve-racking."

Yet Madeira not only offers great conditions for mountain bikers, but it is also a top-class holiday island.

Yet Madeira not only offers great conditions for mountain bikers, but it is also a top-class holiday island. There is no need to talk about the mentality of Southern Europeans here.

They welcome their guests in a friendly, relaxed and helpful manner. No matter if you ask the way, if you have a flat tyre or if you are looking for the best fish restaurant:

Madeirans are driven by piece of mind and calmness, which can only be found on isolated islands like this one.





The next holiday is just around the corner. And Madeira is ready and waiting.

A stylish end of the day at the sea



It's the perfect compensation for the fast and wild trails in the mountains. "When spending your holidays in Madeira, you should definitely visit one of the beautiful beach restaurants. Here, you must try the national drink called 'Poncha' that consists of rum, honey, lemon juice and/or diverse other fruit juices. Besides, you should not miss the absolute specialty of Madeiran cooking, the 'Espada'. This is a deep-

sea fish that is also called black scabbard fish. It can be found in the North Atlantic at depths of between 200 and 1700 metres and is mostly served as a roast filet with halved bananas. It's a real taste adventure," Steffi says full of enthusiasm. And when looking into her eyes, it's hard to not catch her enthusiasm for the flower island. The next holiday is just around the corner. And Madeira is ready and waiting. ■



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# BLACK GOLD \_

THE ROSE VAUJANY FUELED BY ULTRASPORTS TEAM  
ON A VISIT TO THE TYRE SPECIALIST CONTINENTAL

TEXT // **KARL ALVAREZ** PICTURES // **STEPHEN EGERTON**



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THERE ARE ONLY FEW PARTS OF A MOUNTAIN BIKE THAT INFLUENCE THE RIDING QUALITIES AS MUCH AS TYRES DO. THE PEOPLE IN THE HESSIAN TOWN OF KORBACH KNOW THAT, TOO. THIS IS WHERE THE GERMAN MANUFACTURER CONTINENTAL, ONE OF THE TOP MANUFACTURERS OF MOUNTAIN BIKE TYRES, IS LOCATED. THEIR HOTTEST AND BEST RUBBER COMPOUND IS CALLED "BLACK CHILI COMPOUND"; IT WAS DEVELOPED AND MADE FOR HIGHEST DEMANDS ON RIDING PERFORMANCE.



Product manager Sebastian Moos explains how an MTB tyre is built

**T**he ROSE Vaujany fueled by ultraSPORTS team also relies on Continental tyres and could already score several big victories with them. We were there when the team had a look behind the scenes of Continental and had to experience first-hand that it is still a lot of manual work required to build really good tyres!

As regards rubber, there are only few companies in the world that have as much experience as Continental. For many decades, the people in Korbach have put great effort in the development of the perfect tyre. However, not only the test equipment but also the Continental team riders give valuable information on the characteristics. The team riders play an important role in the development process; they already test different treads and rubber compounds in tough conditions in the early development stage.



Nathalie Schneitter is also asked to lend a hand



The ROSE Vaujany fueled by ultraSPORTS team also relies on the experience of Continental. The team consists of Simon Gegenheimer, Steffen Thum, Nathalie Schneitter, Viviane Favery and Rémi Laffont. They all ride from success to success on tyres from Korbach, Germany. Simon Gegenheimer is present and three-time German sprint champion, Rémi Laffont could win the silver

medal at the French marathon championships. In order to intensify the cooperation and to gain an insight into the manufacturing process, Simon Gegenheimer, Nathalie Schneitter and Rémi Laffont travelled to the production facilities in Korbach, Germany. The company has around 3200 employees working in the areas of industrial tubes, passenger car tyres, industrial tyres and bicycle tyres.





There are several different rubber compounds that have been especially developed for the mountain bike sector.

All Premium Line bicycle tyres are exclusively made in Korbach, ranging from mountain or road tyres through to city/trekking tyres. All of them bear the label "handmade in Germany".

There are several different rubber compounds that have been especially developed for the mountain bike sector. The most popular brand is called "BlackChili Compound" and perfectly combines grip and rolling resistance. As the production of this compound is technically very demanding, it is exclusively produced and processed in Korbach.

Depending on the discipline practiced, every rider chooses their personal favourite from a variety of different tyres. Simon Gegenheimer is the all-round talent of the team and covers all disciplines: Marathon, Cross Country, Sprint and Enduro. "Yet my special discipline is sprint," he says. "For this, I use the RACE KING or the SPEED KING depending on the conditions. My favourite choice however is the SPEED KING, as it is damn fast, which is of course important for sprinting. It is strongly orientated towards a road tyre and as it is extremely lightweight, it also accelerates almost as fast as one. This tyre helped me win my three championship titles!"

Inside the production facilities, the bike pros learn how a tyre is built – and they even have to lend a hand. A very enlightening experience for cross country and enduro rider Nathalie Schneitter.

Nathalie Schneitter relies on the X-KING



Rémi Laffont with his freshly baked favourite tyre



"For me, it completely changes the way I was thinking about tyres."



"I am really surprised of how much love the employees put into the manufacturing of the tyres," the friendly Swiss rider realizes. "For me, it completely changes the way I was thinking about tyres."

Commitment is required, Rémi Laffont is asked to get to the heat press to dig up his favourite tyre. "For my style of riding, I prefer the X-KING as a front tyre and the RACE KING as a rear tyre," the French marathon specialist tells us. "In marathon it is usually not possible to ride the entire track in advance, so it proves advantageous to have some safety reserves."

In this way, you are more flexible in difficult conditions. Besides, I always use tyres with ProTction, as a flat tyre simply costs too much time in a race."

Apart from the production facilities, there is also a test bench in Korbach. Here, the employees can determine the rolling resistance under different conditions. It is thus an indispensable helper for the development of new tyres. In addition, the company benefits from the feedback of the ROSE Vaujany fueled by ultraSPORTS team riders who test the tyres in both training and races.

Put to the test: Rolling resistance measurement as a basis for each tyre development





A lot of small parts, a lot to explain: A group of experts in the production hall



Simon Gegenheimer with the perfect hairstyle for work

Nathalie Schneitter is home in the disciplines Cross Country and Enduro. Her favourite tyre on the enduro bike: the Baron 2.4 Projekt! "For me, this is a tyre for almost all conditions," she says. "It is slightly heavier, but as the timed stages are only downhill in enduro races and as I am generally good at riding uphill thanks to my cross country experience, I enjoy the outstanding downhill performance the BARON offers."

**"It really is a cool product and since the present day I know that we are riding a true German quality product."**



F.l.t.r.: Nathalie Schneitter, Rémi Laffont and Simon Gegenheimer of the ROSE VAUJANY  
FUELED BY ULTRASPORTS TEAM

In races, it is always about finding the right balance for your own skills. And for me, a safe tyre is just the right tool, even though it might be a bit heavier."

The day draws to a close and the three bike pros are impressed by the way the employees work at Continental. "I wasn't aware of

how much manual work is put into the production of those tyres and how many different steps are required," Nathalie Schneitter sums up. "It really is a cool product and since the present day I know that we are riding a true German quality product. For me, this is something very special." ■





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**SILVA** ACTIVE XT headlamp\*

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*Material: 100% polyester.*

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**O'NEAL** WINTER gloves

Item no.: 2168636



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**DEUTER** ATTACK 20 backpack & ATTACK 18 SL WOMEN'S backpack

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**IXS** XACT full-face helmet

Item no.: 2231349



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These softshell jackets by ION follow all of your movements thanks to 4 WAY STRETCH fabric. The surface coating comes with the DURABLE WATER REPELLENT treatment and lets splashing water and light rain run off the surface. The hood can be adjusted in width via a drawstring. With two zip front pockets and a full-length front zip. *Material: 88% polyamide, 12% elastane.*

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Design from Sweden is in – not only in hip student apartments, but also on the trail: The JOINT VPD 2.0 protectors by POC offer best shock absorption and freedom of movement while being extremely lightweight. The 3D shaped, perforated protectors impress with excellent ventilation and a perfect fit. The soft VPD 2.0 fabric only hardens in case of an impact and offers extremely good energy absorption.

**POC** JOINT VPD 2.0 protectors for knees & elbows

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# CUSTOM-MADE ROSE GROUND CONTROL

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Upgrade to Shimano XT,  
an extremely reliable and  
powerful disc brake



#### What:

Denise has chosen the ROSE GROUND CONTROL as her dream bike. With 27.5" wheels, a travel of 130 mm and a low weight, this touring full-susser covers a wide range of riding and offers a convincing mix of great climbing skills and good trail performance.

#### Who:

My name is Denise Biskup and I have been working as a fashion buyer for ROSE since 2003. In daily life, I go everywhere by bike, as it is simply more practical and even faster – and to enjoy the fresh air of course. I only discovered my passion for mountain biking around a year ago. Since then, I have been infected with the MTB virus and regularly ride off the road with great enthusiasm. I like rough terrain and steep sections and this is exactly what the GROUND CONTROL is made for.

#### Why this bike?

I was looking for a bike that is suitable for a wide range of terrain. I wanted it to be fast and agile off the road, yet comfortable and with some travel reserves. At least one thing was for sure: I wanted to have a full-suspension bike. In the end, the GROUND CONTROL turned out to be the perfect bike for me. I am 1,78 m tall and so I decided for an M frame. I tested the bike in BIKETOWN and it just fits me perfectly.

#### How did you customize the GROUND CONTROL to suit your requirements?

I actually did not have to make any big changes. I immediately opted for the GROUND CONTROL 2 model. The basic equipment of this model already is of high quality and thus leaves almost nothing to be desired for me. For instance with regards to the suspension fork:



ROSE employee  
Denise Biskup

The GROUND CONTROL 2 comes with a Rock Shox Pike RC Solo Air with 130 mm at the front and this fork is my absolute dream fork. It is excellent with regards to its weight and what's more, it is extremely stable and torsionally stiff.



It is incredibly uncomplicated, fast, agile and really comfortable to ride.



Sophisticated suspension fork: Rock Shox Pike RC Solo Air with 130 mm

Thanks to the Charger damper with Rapid Recovery, it offers great sensitivity as well as great and smooth suspension performance. The DT Swiss M1700 Spline Two wheels are also very good. Thanks to Straight Pull Technology, they are beautifully stable and provide real Swiss quality! Besides, I definitely wanted to have a dropper seat post with remote control, as this is simply more comfortable when riding downhill – and this is where the Rock Shox Reverb Stealth has already become a sort of standard. Regarding the groupset, I opted for Shimano XT components – crankset, rear derailleur, front derailleur and shifter all bear the XT label and thus offer best value for money in my point of view. The brake, too, is a Shimano XT one. Here, I did not stick to the basic equipment. I simply like the XT brake. It is pleasantly aggressive and offers a well-defined pressure point. Another individual upgrade I made concerns the saddle. I went for an X1 Lady by Selle Italia. It is especially designed for women and I find it very comfortable. I shortened the 74 cm wide handlebar by Easton later on, as it was still a bit too wide for me; however, this is no problem at all. All in all, my individually specced GROUND CONTROL has cost me € 2958 – which is a super fair price for a model with such a great equipment I think.

#### Have you achieved your custom-made goal?

Oh yes, I have definitely achieved my custom-made goal. Even though the changes I made with the XT brake and the Lady saddle were not that big, they were really important for me. Apart from that, the GROUND CONTROL 2 offers such a high-quality equipment that it is just perfectly suitable for me. The bike makes a lot of fun to ride off the road. It is incredibly uncomplicated, fast, agile and really comfortable to ride. And with the grey-blue paint, it even looks good! ■





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# MY MUST-HAVES

DENISE BISKUP HAS NOT ONLY FOUND HER DREAM BIKE, BUT ALSO A LOT OF FINE PARTS THAT ARE PERFECTLY SUITABLE FOR HER MTB AMBITIONS. BECAUSE WITH THE RIGHT GEAR, A NEW BIKE IS EVEN MORE FUN!

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When things get tough, the IXS TRAIL RS EVO helmet is in its element. Its "DUAL INMOULD" 360-degree helmet shell ensures excellent all-round protection, a "Crash Release" visor simply folds away in case of an impact. 22 vents for external and internal ventilation provide cooling, and a height-adjustable "Ergo-Fit Ultra" headband ensures a perfect fit.

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**POC** RESISTANCE STRONG gloves

These cycling gloves offer a powerful grip. Their abrasion-proof SUPERFABRIC is resistant to cuts and slits and thus protects you from grazes and other injuries. Velcro straps allow for individual adjustment, velours patches on the thumb offer additional grip. *Material: Back of the hand: 90% polyester, 10% elastane; palm: 60% polyamide, 40% polyurethane; thumb and reinforcements: 100% polyester.*

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**SIXPACK** MENACE 2.0 pedals

Ideal for the trail and for a perfect hold: The SIXPACK MENACE is a flat platform pedal that offers a lot of grip. With a height of only 17 mm the slanted design prevents ground contact when riding off the road, 28 pins give you enough hold when your ride gets rough. With aluminium pedal body and CroMo axle with a combination of cartridge and sleeve bearings. Weight: 438 g per pair.

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**100% AIRMATIC** SKYLAR women's shorts

The 100% AIRMATIC SKYLAR shorts offer women a casual baggy style. Functionality and freedom of movement are the top priorities of these shorts; their robust yet flexible four-way stretch fabric follows all your movements, and numerous pockets can take a fair bit. The design is spot-on, a shock-absorbing PREMIUM CYTECH seat pad offers highest comfort. What more could women want? *Material: 90% polyester, 10% elastane; mesh inserts: 85% polyamide, 15% elastane; inner shorts: 92% polyester, 8% elastane.*

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**ROSE** CARETEC XL cleaning kit

The best thing about a dirty tour is cleaning your bike afterwards... isn't it? From now on, it will! With the ROSE CARETEC XL cleaning set you'll have the perfect tools at hand to turn your bike back into a shiny beauty! The set contains a chain cleaning device and five different brushes in total. Everything is stored in a practical mesh bag.

Item no.: 2209979



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# INSIDE ROSE

DAMPED – A FLYING VISIT OF  
THE ROCKSHOX SET-UP CAMP

TEXT // PAUL WELLER  
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THERE HAS TO BE A GOOD REASON TO GET A REPORTER LIKE ME AWAY FROM HIS LOCAL DOMAIN AND TO TEMPT HIM TO TRAVEL TO THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST AROUND THOUSAND KILOMETRES AWAY. EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS ONLY LIMITED LEAKED INFORMATION, THE WORDS “SECRET TEST RIDES” MURMURED TO ME IN CONFIDENCE LEFT ME NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TRAVELLING SOUTHWARDS AND FINDING OUT MORE ON BEHALF OF CYCLE STORIES...



**F**

og is slowly setting into the mountains. I can only make out the silhouettes of the trees. The old military buildings look threatening. A shiver is running down my spine. Actually, I'm in Finale Ligure in Bella Italia. Okay great, this is the place I was supposed to go. In this deserted region I have a conspiratorial appointment in my position as a

tireless reporter. An appointment with Max Sistenich, ROSE developer for mountain bikes. I'm irritated and kick something white into a juniper bush with my worn out slippers. But hang on, what's that? A note? Curiously, I'm fishing the wadded piece of paper out of the bush to take a closer look at it. All I can see are mysterious abbreviations: MM, ML, MH – SAG 30% - METRIC SIZING...

I don't have the foggiest idea of what this could mean. Are these the coordinates of a secret rocket launching site? A special recipe for date rape drugs? A decryption riddle?

Suddenly I'm flinching. A hand lays down on my shoulder. "Have you found something interesting, sport?" a deep voice says with a snarl. "I think that's mine!"





Here, the bikes are tested by the boss himself: developer Max Sistenich in flow

"Er, yes," I stammer, "that may be. It laid here on the ground and I just wanted to destroy it, well, to swallow it up..." "That won't be necessary," the person says with a laugh. "I'm Max, we have got an appointment!" That's taken a load off my mind. "...and by the way: Italy has far more to offer when it comes to culinary delights!" "What exactly are we doing here or what are YOU

doing here?" I immediately try to transform my regained professionalism into editorially useful input. "We are working on the rear shock setups for our new mountain bikes!" Max blurts straight out. I look surprised. "Here on top of the mountain? How come?" "Come, I'll show you," Max answers. "Just grab the GRANITE CHIEF over there and stay close to my rear wheel!"

No sooner said than done, I follow Max onto the trail. Let's keep it short: The following descent into hell from the NATO base can surely be found as a fail video online on bike-channel.tv soon. Title: Worst Rider EVER. Starring me.



The aim is to offer mountain bikers a perfectly working bike with the highest degree of effectiveness and great pedalling efficiency.

Only look dangerous:  
Rear shocks and forks with  
different basic setups

Three-quarters of an hour and a painful mountain bike lesson later, we are sitting on the terrace of a little pizzeria located directly at the wonderful beach promenade of Finale Ligure.

While I'm trying to find an almost bearable position for my tortured limbs and to look somehow relaxed, I ask the person opposite me: "That's what you call work?" "Exactly," Max says with a smile. "However, it is more than that. We are searching for the right setup for the three new MTB full-sussers ROOT MILLER, GRANITE CHIEF and PIKES PEAK." "And what does that mean?" I reply. "Every time a new full-suspension frame or a new rear shock generation is launched," Max explains, "the rear suspension performance

must be precisely adapted to the frame and its kinematics. To do so, several different parameters are defined beforehand such as compression, rebound and progression. This is how we choose a basic setup which is then perfectly adapted to the bike."

"And this is what you do for all your bikes?" I dig deeper. "Exactly," Max continues.

"The basic setup of the suspension elements is adapted to the intended use of the bike: Enduro bikes like the PIKES PEAK for instance need more suspension progression to prevent the elements from bottoming out. A touring rider on the GRANITE CHIEF however would need less progression yet more compression to avoid a bobbing of the





suspension elements. Here, it is all about using the full range of travel. As those bikes are not subject to stresses as high as for enduro bikes, the suspension elements are unlikely to bottom out.

He has a sip from his espresso while I am diligently making notes. "The aim is to offer mountain bikers a perfectly working bike with the highest degree of effectiveness and great pedalling

efficiency. A bike that converts muscle power into propulsion and not into bobbing. It has to be sensitive and should yet offer ground feedback. By adjusting the pressure, the customers can then precisely setup the suspension to the respective body weight and style of riding."

"And for this you have to travel to beautiful Italy of course", I say. "The test conditions here in Finale are very good", Max tells me.

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Great oaks from little acorns grow:  
Sometimes it's the little things that count







"In order to be able to perfectly evaluate a setup, I need different conditions: blocked trails, pedalling sections, technical terrain where the suspension can be tested for bottoming out – you simply have to test all facets of the suspension system. And in Finale, we do have different kinds of trails like the Pino Morto or the Rollercoaster that allow for thorough testing. Moreover, you can find the right infrastructure here including shuttle services. In this way, we can do even more downhill rides."

"So you are dashing down the hill all the livelong day," I answer drily. "That's what we do," Max says with a grin, "but it's not just for fun. We compare. It's important to always ride down the same trail to correctly identify the differences between the different tunes or basic setups. Each time, we only change few parameters to be able to accurately assess the impact on the setup. We don't stop testing until we have found the perfect setup." Max finishes his espresso and gets up. "We've had enough rest, let's get up the mountain, I want to introduce you to Daniel."

We pay the bill and shortly after, I shake the hand of Daniel Portmann, a Rock Shox

technician by trade and the man of 1000 rear shocks. "They all look the same," I immediately notice while casting my expert eye over his stationary workshop. "Almost, but it's rather the inner values that count," Daniel says with a laugh. "The rear shocks are available with different tunes or different basic setups for compression and rebound, always ranging between high, medium and low," he explains. Awkwardly, I try to use my fingers to multiply. "That's rocket science," I say and capitulate.

Max nods. "Yes, there are almost limitless options. However, Daniel narrows down the choice beforehand. The frame's kinematics already determine the length and stroke of the rear shock as well as the resulting travel." "Another step is the fine-tuning for platform and lockout," Daniel explains. "A platform setting is used to avoid bobbing when riding uphill, a lockout setting locks the rear stay except some remaining travel. It turns the bike into a hardtail so to speak." "...into a hardtail,"

I write onto my notepad. "Last but not least, the progression needs to be determined and adjusted, too. This is done with the use of tokens. These little plastic spacers change the air chamber volume and with that the progression." "This time, we also faced the difficult task of testing a new frame AND a new rear shock," Max tells me. "ROSE is one

of the world's first manufacturers using the latest rear shock generation with MET-RIC SIZING." "And what's so special about those

It's important to always ride down the same trail to correctly identify the differences between the different tunes or basic setups.

shocks?" I ask. "Those new rear shocks come with a different stroke-to-length ratio: The shocks have a comparable stroke but are longer, which stiffens the connection between the shocks' shaft and body. They are thus less susceptible to wear and there is more room for technology to improve performance," Daniel explains." I nod intentionally and diligently scribble notes. "How do you know which rear shock fits best?" I ask. "We measure and feel it," Max explains.



Perfect infrastructure for test rides: Finale Ligure impresses with trails, shuttle service and Dolce Vita









"The final progression, the efficient use of travel, can be read from and measured at the rear shock. For the compression and rebound setups on the contrary you have to have a feel, so this is where we rely on our experience and on our seat-of-the-pants feel," the ROSE developer says with a grin. "However, we don't do it in a rush, we take a lot of time to find the perfect rear shock. We need around 10 to 15 test rides to determine a single bike-shock configuration. For the setup of our three new bikes, we have tested three days."

Max puts on his helmet and holds out his hand to say goodbye: "And this is exactly

**We need around 10 to 15 test rides to determine a single bike-shock configuration.**

what I'll do now. I hope you have written down everything. See you!" And while I'm seeing Max entering the trail with an "Arrivederci," my eyes wander from the mountain top over the endless, azure-blue Mediterranean Sea. The information rolls around in my head – just like this schmaltzy Italian song – while the red sun is dipping into the sea. ■

Rock Shox's new rear shock generation with metric sizing







# Stay Tuned.

*Some days, the quality of the ride is determined by the quality of the tools.*

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## QUESTIONS FOR SANDRA RÜBESAM \_



Picture Sandra Sabitzer

SHE IS THE DOWNHILL QUEEN: DOWNHILL LADY **SANDRA RÜBESAM** LOVES IT FAST, STEEP AND ROUGH. IN 2015, SHE BECAME GERMAN CHAMPION FOR THE FIRST TIME AND FINALLY CATAPULTED HERSELF TO THE TOP OF GERMAN FEMALE DOWNHILL RIDERS. SINCE 2004 ALREADY, THE RIDER FROM THURINGIA HAS MIXED UP THE NATIONAL DH SCENE. BEING A MEMBER OF THE ROSE FACTORY RACING TEAM, SHE NOW ALSO REACHES FOR THE STARS ON A EUROPEAN LEVEL AND IN THE WORLD CUP. A LIFE FOR DOWNHILL RIDING!

**01** **Everyone has a secret. Sandra, what's yours?** You know, the thing with secrets is that, once you reveal them, they are no secrets anymore... But I'll tell you a strange habit of mine. Every time I drink water, I count the swallows and only stop when I've reached twenty. I think I'm afraid of dehydrating.

**02** **If only I had listened to my mum! What would you be today, if you hadn't become a mountain biker?** My parents have always supported me in what I

wanted to do. I have always had a mind of my own and my parents have never restricted me in my freedom. They have never pushed me into one direction.

**03** **Downhill is dirty, tough and dangerous. Why do you do that to yourself?** For me downhill isn't that in the first place. Of course, those attributes belong to the sport, but they do not characterise it. I'm almost obsessed with riding my bike as fast as possible, pushing me to my limits and competing with others. If it gets dirty or

psychologically or physically tough from time to time, I have no problem accepting that. What's more, it's a great feeling to push yourself to your physical and mental limit.

**04** **Does fear accompany you on a downhill? How do you deal with it?** That really depends on my form of the day. Sometimes I'm willing to take certain risks, sometimes I don't feel very good from the start and therefore ride differently. More cautiously and more slowly. However mostly, I don't think about it, because I trust in my riding skills.



**05** You have been riding at the top of the nation for years. In 2015, you could celebrate your first, long-awaited title as German Downhill Champion. What did it feel like to finally stand on top of the podium?

This moment was almost beyond description. Every time I talk about it, it gives me the goose bumps, again and again. I had been trying to get on top of that podium for six years, but there was always something something that kept me from achieving it. Mostly, it simply was the pressure I put on myself, which led to riding mistakes. Last year I was very relaxed. I had

just taken a six-week break because of an injury and didn't count on having any chance at all to win. When I finished my run without mistakes on the final day of the race and nobody was able to beat my time, I had tears coming to my eyes. I called my parents immediately and they had to cry, too. I will never forget this day, and the feelings that I had back then.

**06** What brought you into downhill riding? And how would you wet other ladies' appetite for the sport? Friends brought me into it. I simply gave it a go and rode with

the bike of a friend of mine. Since then, I have been a bike enthusiast... now for more than 12 years already. But honestly, I don't feel like persuading others to try it. You should do it because it tempts you, because you feel like it and not because other people tell you so.

**07** You ride a ROSE THE UNCHAINED. What do you appreciate in it? THE UNCHAINED is a lightweight, agile bike. It does everything I want without complaining and it won't let me down, even if I make a riding mistake. I simply feel good on it!

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**08** Do you ever ride a different bike than a downhill bike? I ride enduro very often. It has got something of downhill, but riding the trails up and down, as well as combining different tracks over a greater distance really appeals to me. I simply feel good after two or three hours of up- and downhill riding.

**09** Today's your lucky day: You can now and at once change something about the rules in downhill sports. What would that be? A BIKE PARK LICENCE!!! It happens incredibly often that you meet people in a bike park who just haven't understood the rule that you need to give way to the faster biker. This leads to unnecessary discussions and dangerous situations, too. For example when a slower rider merges onto the trail in front of you,

because he or she misjudges their skills and the speed of the other one. That's a no-go.

**10** If you should describe yourself in three words – which words would that be? Always unimpressed – impertinent – loyal.



Picture Moritz Langer

**11** You have the choice: a day on a Caribbean beach with sun, sand and a cocktail in your hand or pouring rain on a race track and 20 rivals wanting to beat you ...

Well, I'd say that really depends on the track. If the track is no fun to me, I won't mind missing the race. Even though I love riding races. If it's an awesome trail though which is fun in pouring rain, I won't mind missing the beach holiday.

**12** You are now 28 years old. Where do you see yourself with 35? Will we still find you on a DH saddle? Actually, I don't see myself anywhere else than on a bike at 35. ■



# CYCLE FASHION \_



**POC TRABEC RACE MIPS helmet**  
Item no.: 2071805  
€ 229,95

**ROSE TOP CYW thermal long-sleeved jersey**  
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Inserts: 87% polyester, 13% elastane  
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# I FEEL GOOD!

MERANO DISCOVERED BY E-BIKE!

TEXT // **KARL ALVAREZ** PICTURES // **STEPHEN EGERTON**



THE RAIN IS HAMMERING DOWN ONTO THE ROOF OF THE CAR. DARK CLOUDS ABOVE AND BEHIND ME TIRELESSLY KEEP POURING FOR A COMPULSORY CAR WASH. THE WINDSCREEN WIPER STOICALLY DOES ITS MONOTONOUS WORK WITHOUT COMPLAINING. FORTUNATELY, HUMANS ARE SMARTER THAN MACHINES – UP TO NOW – AND SO I SEE THE RAY OF HOPE IN FRONT OF ME THAT IMMEDIATELY BRIGHTENS UP MY MOOD. BECAUSE WHAT MY WINDSCREEN WIPER DOES NOT KNOW IS THAT WE ARE COMING CLOSER TO THE TOWN OF MERANO THAT IS SITUATED IN ONE OF EUROPE'S MILDEST REGIONS. DURING THE NEXT DAYS, ITS STRESSED WIPER BLADES CAN TAKE A BREAK.





Since the invention of the holiday, the Germans have been loving South Tyrol – which is not surprising at all since South Tyrol is simply awesome. The landscape, the food, the weather and the hospitality – everything is just great. There are numerous other attributes you could capitalize on in a catalogue of a tour operator, but I'll tell you the most important thing to know: South Tyrol welcomes all guests with open arms and snuggles them up in a soft, warm duvet. You'll also get a sweat bedtime treat. In short: You simply feel in good hands there.

My destination is Merano, the second largest town of the province of South Tyrol. This is where the Empress Elisabeth of Austria used

to spend her holidays, too. I will discover the region by e-bike – I'm sure "Sisi" would have liked this as well. I have chosen a truly classy accommodation, the Design Hotel Tyrol. It is located in Rabland, slightly above Merano,

**South Tyrol welcomes all guests with open arms and snuggles them up in a soft, warm duvet.**

directly on the Adige. It has long stopped raining when I arrive. I enter the hotel and believe myself to be on a Milan furniture fair.

A carefully selected and perfectly matched interior decorates the bright lobby. The bike guide is standing at the reception with his long hair put up into a ponytail, a stylish beard, cycling shorts and sunglasses in his hands. "Hi, I'm from the Cycle Stories magazine and I have an appointment with the manager Mr. Frei!" I say to the man. "Yes, hi, that's me!" he answers. "You can call me Boris!"

The Design Hotel Tyrol is a family-owned business: Boris Frei and his girlfriend Susanne are the managers of the hotel and represent its special line. Boris is indeed also a bike guide, he just came back from a mountain bike tour with some guests. We arrange to meet the next morning to discover Merano by e-bike.



Shortly after breakfast, we head off. Our ROSE MULTITRACK e-bikes are ready and waiting. The bikes are very chic and stylish. They are equipped with Shimano's new STePS drive system and their Shimano Alfine gear hub offers 11 gears\*. Handlebar and saddle height are quickly adjusted – thanks to a Speedlifter. And so we get rolling. We ride downhill to the Adige where we take the Adige cycle path. It is well-built, asphalted and lies off the road. The Adige cycle path starts in Landeck, Austria, leads over the Rescher Pass and then downhill

to Merano. We ride the last section of the path, Merano is approximately seven kilometres away. We cycle along in a relaxed manner, the weather is mild as expected, the basin is well-protected from bad weather fronts thanks to the Texel Group in the north and north-west. The valley is open to the south, where warm air flows into Texel Group Nature Park. This climate allows many Mediterranean plants to thrive. In the course of the day we will see palm trees, cypresses and Lebanon cedars.



Fancy a coffee? A real highlight in Merano!



Old, wooden bridge across the Adige



This climate allows many Mediterranean plants to thrive. In the course of the day we will see palm trees, cypresses and Lebanon cedars.

\*Please note that e-bikes and pedelecs are not shipped to all countries. Please inquire when placing your order.





After around five kilometres we stop at a view-point and climb onto an oversized deckchair. We look down to the valley where Merano lies in the middle of fields with apple trees. After having ridden down an enjoyable little serpentine road, we are in the middle of thousands upon thousands of apple trees and the cycle path leads right through them. Shortly after that, we arrive at the edge of town and set course for the historic town centre. The old town is well-preserved, you can still find three of the originally four town gates, as well as parts of the old town wall there.

The basin is well-protected from bad weather fronts thanks to the Texel Group in the north and north-west.



Boris and Susanne guide me to the popular promenade of Merano. It is the landmark and centre of the spa town. We are pushing our e-bikes as it is not allowed to cycle here and go past the health resort. The building has a beautiful concert hall, its architecture is characterized by classicism and Art Nouveau. The promenade winds its way along the Passer, on the other side of the river you can see a thermal bath.

Perfect views on the way to Merano





Palm trees on the popular promenade of Merano

In 2005, it was turned into a modern wellness area with 25 different pools and sauna facilities. Holidaymakers are strolling through the close-by gardens of the health resort and even though we are in the centre of town, the atmosphere is extremely relaxed.

We walk along the promenade to the Post Bridge where the winter promenade begins. We discover a little café not far from an old

arch bridge leading across the Passer and treat ourselves to a cappuccino. "This is the 'Steirner Steg'," Boris tells me. "This is where summer and winter promenade meet." "Will it break when we cross it?" I ask with an innocent look. "Don't think so," Boris answers. "It has never been damaged since it was built in the 16th century." Boris keeps telling me more about the Passeier Valley cycle path that starts not far away from here





On the 'Steinerner Steg'



Pushing the bike through the old town of Merano



and that is perfectly suitable for extensive bike tours. Even though our tour was not planned like that, we think about making a small detour to have a look onto the cycle path.

After we have paid the bill, we ride along the 'Steinerner Steg', climb a slightly steeper section, which is no problem at all thanks to our e-bikes, and continue rolling towards

the Passeier Valley. As soon as we have left the town, picturesque apple fields line the path. The route is well signposted, the path is covered with gravel or stones and winds its way along the Passer without a huge difference in altitude. After having crossed two bridges and thus changed the riverside, we decide to turn back. In the end, we still need to get back to the more highly situated Rabland.

Even though we are in the centre of town, the atmosphere is extremely relaxed.





## DESIGN HOTEL TYROL

Surrounded by orchards and situated at the border of the small town of Rabland near Merano, you can find the Design Hotel Tyrol that is lovingly managed by Susanne & Boris Frei. Modern, stylish yet comfortable and familiar, the little hotel represents the perfect starting point to go hiking, cycling, biking or to visit Merano which is located 7 km away. The hotel itself however also has a lot to offer, including pools, sauna facilities, sports and fitness programmes.

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I don't think there's anyone who can resist this charm – and the good food.

As we are riding back along the little roads of Merano, the sun goes down. We have to do 200 metres in altitude to get up to Rabland. Our e-bikes quietly hum their way along the Adige to the top. Relaxed, we enjoy the great view while riding uphill. In the region around Merano, South Tyrol shows its best side as a bike paradise – whether you ride a road bike, a mountain bike or an e-bike like us. Here, you can enjoy any type of cycling. I don't think there's anyone who can resist this charm – and the good food. And you will definitely get something sweat for dessert... ■



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# A BIKE IS BORN THE BIRTH OF THE ROSE XEON CDX CROSS



TEXT // **ROBERT MOULD** PICTURES // **ROSE**

IN THE BEGINNING, THERE'S JUST A BLANK SHEET OF PAPER. IN THE END, A PERFECTLY NEW BIKE ROLLS OVER THE ROAD, WITH ALL ITS SPECIFIC FEATURES. UNTIL THEN, A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM AND KNOW-HOW HAVE TO BE INVESTED – AND IT TAKES MANY PEOPLE WHO LEND A HAND AND GIVE THEIR BEST. BUT WHAT DOES EXACTLY HAPPEN DURING THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS? WE KNOCKED ON THE DOOR OF JÜRGEN TELAHR WHO DEVELOPS ROAD BIKES AND CROSS BIKES AT ROSE. HE PRESENTS US AN EXCEPTIONAL HYBRID BIKE AND PROVIDES AN INSIGHT INTO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS!



It is extremely versatile and can be equipped in many different ways: as a cross bike, a gravel bike or even as a randonneur with mudguards and racks.

**Jürgen, the XEON CDX CROSS is a completely new bike. Which category does it fit in to?**

It belongs to the "Cyclocross" category, even though the bike can actually not be pigeonholed. It is extremely versatile and can be equipped in many different ways: as a cross bike, a gravel bike or even as a randonneur with mudguards and racks. It offers numerous possibilities.

**There has already been a carbon cross bike in the ROSE range some time ago. Is this the successor model?**

No, our old carbon cross bike was a thoroughbred competition bike and clearly oriented towards performance. That bike was designed for a small range of riders only, which is why we shied away from launching a new model in this segment. Our new XEON CDX CROSS rather sees itself in the tradition of the PRO DX CROSS/TEAM DX CROSS series, the other multifunctional aluminium cross bikes we have in our range.

**Is it the same frame, except that it is made of carbon?**

No, we did not make it that easy. We just asked ourselves: "What kind of bike do we want?" Of course, it stood to reason to simply copy the PRO DX CROSS and to build an identical carbon model, as it goes down extremely well with the customers. However, I wanted to make the carbon cross bike a bit classier and to slightly push its geometry more towards competition.

**What parameters did you change to achieve this goal?**

The top tube of the frame is now slightly longer which makes it a bit sportier than its aluminium brother. You can use it as a thoroughbred cross bike or even in competitions. I have only changed small details you would probably even not recognize at first sight. However, those changes will perhaps get some more competitive cyclists on board.

Bike developer  
Jürgen Telahr

**What caused you to build such a bike?** It has long preyed on our minds. We have been regularly asked by our country managers, bike sales assistants and above all our customers when we will finally launch a carbon cross bike. We took that to heart, also because our aluminium cross bikes PRO DX CROSS and TEAM DX CROSS are so successful here in Germany, in Scandinavia and all over Europe.



The frame is a completely new development, we could reduce the weight to below 1100 grams.

Generously dimensioned headset area, clever clips for internally routed cables

So we thought it is time to build such a bike from carbon. The production possibilities to build a carbon bike are getting better and better; many things are now easier to realize than a few years ago.

**What kind of cyclist have you designed the XEON CDX CROSS for?** The main target group are those cyclists who find the TEAM DX CROSS appealing, too. No hard-core crossers, but rather people a) who are looking for a welcome change from road cycling in winter, b) who also have an eye on gravel and people c) who want to use their bike every day for their way to work, school or university or for tours. This is also the reason why the bike comes with mounts for racks and mudguards. Those target groups have been very important to us. However, the bike is also designed for road cyclists as already mentioned before.

**Speaking of gravel: What attributes make the bike suitable for this intended use?** A very important aspect during the development of this bike clearly was its suitability for gravel – and this is exactly what this bike offers.

When speaking of gravel, we are talking about a road bike's capability to easily manage all kinds of surfaces. Therefore, a gravel bike offers some sort of off-road suitability without denying its road bike genes. In other words: It pushes the road's boundaries. The XEON CDX CROSS can be ridden with extra wide tyres; it is designed for a tyre width of up to 42 mm, even though you would rather use 30 to 35 mm tyres for gravel use. The bike's geometry follows the same line: The riding position is a bit more comfortable than on a road bike, yet it is stretched and sporty.

**Let's get down to the nitty-gritty, the frame.**

**What are the main characteristics of the frame?** The frame is a completely new development, we could reduce the weight to below 1100 grams. This value is extremely good for a cross bike that is also subject to high stresses. Thanks to larger tube diameters, we could achieve great stiffness values and the headset and crankset areas have also been dimensioned accordingly. This high stiffness also provides a good feeling of safety – which is not unimportant when it is getting rougher.

**A cut-out at the seat tube is especially eye-catching...**

Yes, this has two very practical reasons: Firstly, it offers more space for wider tyres or even for mudguards and secondly, it allows us to use short chainstays in order to maintain the bike's agility.





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**The eye-catching seat post clamp can also be found on the XEON CDX CROSS...** It is our distinctive design element we have already established in our road bike range. We have now also used it for our carbon cross bike so that you can already see from the distance that this is a ROSE bike. Another highlight surely is the clean, internal cable routing. As on all our other high-end models, the cables are easy to access thanks to specially designed clips, which is why the bike can easily be serviced. This aspect especially proves advantageous on a cross bike that tends to get dirty quite often.

**Have you also developed a new fork for the bike?** Regarding the fork, we fell back on an established product. We do have an excellent carbon fork for the TEAM DX CROSS and this is the fork we have also used for the XEON CDX CROSS. The fork is absolutely great. It has already proven its worth in practice, it is torsionally extremely stiff, not heavy, features a FlatMount disc brake and a 15 mm thru axle – so in fact, it has got everything we need.

**You describe the bike to offer almost endless possibilities. How would you configure it for yourself?** That's hard to say. It actually depends on what I wanted to use the bike for. In early development, a bike mostly does not have a name, so I think it up. This bike was given the working title "Crossover" and I think this name says it all. At least the bike offers a lot of different options. If I wanted to use it as a cross bike, I would fit tyres with the maximum possible tyre width of 42 mm. My gravel tyre would be a 32er or a 33er. If I just wanted to ride the bike on the road in summer, I would

mount narrow road tyres. What's more, you also have the possibility to vary the length of the stem. My tip: 120 mm for on the road, 110 mm for gravel use and 100 mm for cross country rides. This is exactly how I tested it – and it works perfectly!

**This raises the question of why I should buy a thoroughbred road bike when I can have such a good all-round bike as an alternative!**

Of course, a road bike still has its advantages, such as a low weight and an even more stretched, sporty geometry as well as a large variety of features. So it still has its use. However, this bike category will probably become more and more popular, as it is so flexible – especially if you want to do more than just riding on the road.

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Extremely stiff 15 mm thru axle at the fork

**What are the test riders thinking about the XEON CDX CROSS?** We have not only tested the bike ourselves, but I also gave it to some friends of mine who are ambitious hobby athletes. The feedback was generally very positive, especially the bike's all-round character was very well received. Our country managers who had vehemently called for the bike, began to applaud – they have never done that before! They see a high demand in this category and are happy that they can finally present such a kind of bike.

**One last question: How is the bike doing in practice?** I have ridden the XEON CDX CROSS myself for half a year now and all I can say is: It really is a monster bike. It is also a great bike for those who say: I want to have one bike for any occasion. You only need two pairs of different tyres and have to slightly adjust the setup – and you will have two completely different bikes! Ranging from 42" tyres through to narrow road tyres it is compatible with every tyre width. And if you want to save money, you can simply swap the tyres! ■



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WHETHER FOR CITY TOURS, FITNESS TRAINING OR CYCLING HOLIDAYS: LOYAL COMPANIONS ARE PRICELESS. THIS HOLDS TRUE FOR BOTH GOOD FRIENDS AND THE RIGHT GEAR. ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU'LL FIND NICE COLLEAGUES, RELIABLE HELPERS AND INDISPENSIBLE COMPANIONS FOR RELAXED AND COMFORTABLE CYCLING!

### **ROSE** RACE TOUR QR1 rear rack

Item no.: 2202240



€ 36,00

For all those who want to travel light, but who do not have a bike with a rack. The ROSE RACE TOUR QR1 rack has a load capacity of around 7 kg and is perfectly suitable for bikes that do not offer the possibility to mount a rack to the seat stays or bikes that come with disc brakes. The combination of external supports and a long quick release skewer offers enough clamping force to mount the rack. Fits 26" and 28" bikes.

Take me with you, captain: The TEASI ONE<sup>3</sup> navigation device also ensures a successful trip without a navigator of flesh and blood – on land, at sea and in snow. 28 European countries are pre-installed, you can either navigate to an address, a point on the map, a set of coordinates or to POIs. Depending on the profile selected (cycling, hiking, skiing, boating), the TEASI ONE<sup>3</sup> navigation device will adapt the route, e.g. only tarred roads for road bikes, off-road tracks for MTBs or stairways for pedestrians. Incl. variable bike mount with ball joint.

### **TEASI** ONE<sup>3</sup> navigation device\*

Item no.: 2235266



€ 149,90



**B + M** IQ-X LED front light

Item no.: 2165781



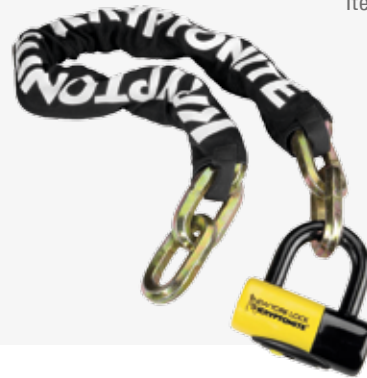
€ 99,95

Small, bright powerhouse: The IQ-X headlight by B + M with a power of up to 100 lux offers enlightening moments when cycling. This is not only because of its extremely wide and homogeneous large-area illumination, but also thanks to its design: The housing is made of high-quality aluminium and also serves as a cooling body, which lets cyclists' eyes shine. In addition, the IQ-X offers a parking light function without batteries and a sensor-controlled daytime running light.

Forget about it, you won't be able to break it! This is what the name of this KRYPTONITE chain lock already shouts into the world. If some thieves will nevertheless try to break it – good luck: The chain made of triple hardened steel withstands a cutting pressure of up to 16 tonnes, a 15 mm thick shackle made of special, hardened Kryptonium steel, 14 mm strong six-sided chain links made from extra-hard 3t manganese steel and a reinforced high security disc-style cylinder can definitely put up some resistance!

**KRYPTONITE** NEW YORK FAHGETTABOUDIT 1410 chain lock

Item no.: 2184768



€ 94,95

**ELITE** TURACIO thermal drinks bottle 500 ml

Item no.: 2212292



€ 9,95

A little bit of luxury for on the go: This thermal drinks bottle keeps warm drinks pleasantly warm and cold drinks refreshingly cold. The insulating panel is 100% made of natural cork, the integrated membrane valve "Lock-Unlock" controls the liquid flow. Thanks to its double-wall construction, the thermal performance of the ELITE TURACIO drinks bottle will last for up to three hours.

What a flexible chappie! The BORDO CENTIUM 6010 folding lock by ABUS is the perfect choice for every day: When folded, it can be fixed to your bike with the practical lock holder where it can wait for its next use. With 5 mm thick bars made of specially hardened steel and linked with special rivets, this lock plays it safe. Weight: approx. 1250 g, length: 90 cm

**ABUS** BORDO CENTIUM 6010 folding lock

Item no.: 2196693



€ 119,95

**RUDY PROJECT** SPINHAWK glasses

Item no.: 1969737



€ 79,95

A real must-have for trendy guys: The SPINHAWK glasses by RUDY PROJECT clearly catapult themselves to the podium with their design. However, the inner values rock, too: The tinted RP OPTICS lenses enhance contrasts and protect from UV rays and external impacts. A large variety of different lenses and designs allows you to choose just the right glasses that perfectly meet your requirements and preferences.

Whether for sport activities or every day: The GODHAVN PADDED winter jacket for women can do it all. A PRIMALOFT BLACK INSULATION padding offers pleasant warmth and yet a low weight and low volume. The attached hood will always keep your head warm.  
*Material: 75% wool, 25% polyester; contrast and padding: 100% polyester; lining: 100% polyamide.*

**VAUDE** GODHAVN PADDED women's winter jacket

Item no.: 2206024



€ 199,95

**ALBERTO** BICICLETTA STAY BLACK DENIM women's jeans

Item no.: 2228956



€ 119,95

This is how urban bike style should look like: The ALBERTO BICICLETTA STAY BLACK DENIM women's jeans cut a fine figure with regards to functionality. The drainpipe jeans have a high stretch content for outstanding comfort in the saddle and every day. Their fabric is water- and dirt-repellent, their Stay-Black denim offers a permanent black dye that does not wash out or fade. *Material: 59% lyocell, 32% cotton, 9% polyester.*

That's what women want: The PETRA VR women's MTB/trekking shoes fit (almost) any outfit and are also extremely comfortable. Thanks to a great fit and a comfortable footbed with foot arch support, they almost feel like slippers. Their durable VIBRAM sole ensures best grip on all grounds. Can be used with or without cleats. Compatible with SPD pedal systems.

**GIRO** PETRA VR women's MTB/trekking shoes

Item no.: 2174327



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**ROSE** RR04 waterproof jacket

Item no.: 2189897

€ 134,95



Come on, rain: With the ROSE RR04 jacket nothing can shock you – whether it is water from above and/or wind from the front. It features a wind- and waterproof membrane with a waterproofness of 20 000 mm. What's more, it is breathable! Additional features like an adjustable hood, numerous pockets or a fleece trim on the collar turn the ROSE RR04 into your favourite for bad weather. *Material: 100% polyester.*

Looks as warm as it is: The ROSE HYBRID is a crossover of a softshell and a padded jacket. For top freedom of movement and comfort, the sleeves and side panels are made from softshell material, a fluffy padding on chest and back offers warmth on cold days. *Material: softshell, outer fabric and lining: 100% polyamide; outer fabric lining and padding: 100% polyester.*

**ROSE** HYBRID jacket

Item no.: 2222642

Item no.: 2222651

€ 84,95



**CHROME** KADET NYLON messenger bag

Item no.: 2222129

Item no.: 2222147

€ 79,95



High volume, high resistance: The KADET NYLON messenger bag is made from robust materials and also features the distinctive CHROME buckle of course. Its wired stabilizing strap is padded and adjustable, compression straps hold the contents securely in place. A large zip main compartment and a zip front compartment offer space for a large number of small parts.

A best friend in shoe form. The RTS 07 MTB/trekking shoe by ROSE is highly durable and extremely robust. And it even looks good! Its anti-slip rubber tread promises good grip on soft and slippery ground. Top comfort thanks to a polyurethane coated synthetic leather upper with nylon mesh inserts. The foot tip is protected by a robust tread border.

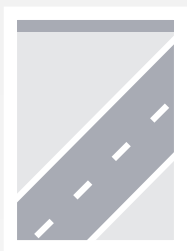
**ROSE** RTS07 trekking shoes

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# GRAN FONDO FI'ZI:K CITTÀ DI MAROSTICA

THE STORY OF THE YOUTH WHO WENT FORTH  
TO PLAY CHESS WITH HIS WEAKER SELF

TEXT // **KARL ALVAREZ** PICTURES // **STEPHEN EGERTON**



"CHECKMATE!" THE YOUNG KNIGHT VIERI DA VALLONARA CHEERED LOUDLY AND PUT HIS HANDS ON HIS HEART. IN A CHESS PLAY, HE HAD JUST WON THE RIGHT TO MARRY THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE. LIONARA, THE CHOSEN PRINCESS OF MAROSTICA, CRIED WITH HAPPINESS. THIS HEART-BREAKING SCENE TOOK PLACE MORE THAN 560 YEARS AGO. YET THIS HISTORIC CHESS PLAY INSPIRED ME TO COMPETE WITH A SPECIALLY TOUGH OPPONENT: MY WEAKER SELF. THE SCENE OF THE ACTION: THE GRAN FONDO FI'ZI:K IN THE CITTÀ DI MAROSTICA.



**O**n that Sunday in April, it was not about a princess and yet I could not have been more motivated. Around a year ago, a friend of mine told me that he had done a bike marathon in the beautiful town of Marostica in Northern Italy – and not just any marathon, but a gran fondo. I asked him about the difference. “A gran fondo virtually is a bike marathon for hobby cyclists and for Everyman. So it is not a pure pro race like the Tour de France. Not everyone is focused on winning.

It is more important to be part of the race, to have fun and to score off one’s weaker self,” I was told. This was the moment when the first piece was moved between me and my opponent inside me, our chess play had begun. I wanted to ride this race. Gran fondo is an Italian term and translates to “great endurance.” I trained hard and signed up. More than 2500 cyclists took part in the 7th “Gran Fondo fi’zi:k – Città di Marostica.” With such a large number of participants, it is one of the country’s biggest bike marathons.

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We are still alone in the rolling hills of Venetia

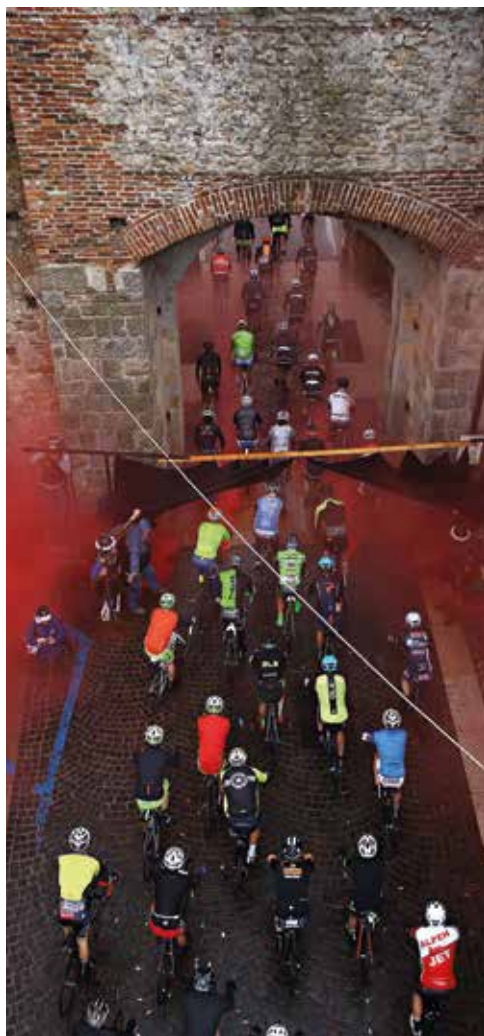


In order to prepare myself for the race, I travelled to Venetia a few days before the event. Marostica lies in the Province of Vicenza in the middle of an idyllic, hilly landscape. Mountains mix with plains; rivers and fields characterize the region. Everywhere you can see the history of Italy: Castles, impressive manor houses and picturesque towns are stone witnesses. It is a wonderful scenery traversed by perfect roads with not too much traffic and different profiles. There were two of us training one day before the race. We soaked up the atmosphere, breathed in the scent of olive groves and orchards and could only hardly separate from our bikes when the sun went down behind the rolling hills.

The day of the race had come and I had perfectly positioned my chess pieces for this battle. I was in good shape; I had my drinks bottles and energy bars ready at hand and the organizer of the event also provided refreshment and energy at several different stations. I had even bought a pair of new shoes, a jersey and a helmet for this event. Besides, I also had my queen on the chessboard: my ROSE XEON TEAM CGF – lighting-fast, with a great carbon frame and a geometry that is suitable for marathon use.







I was ready and waiting in the starter field. Unfortunately, my weaker self also had some strong pieces on the board. One of these was right above me and started to rain. The track was still good to ride, however, this could have been completely different one hour later. I looked to the Piazza Castello on my left, the historic market place of Marostica that was crowded with spectators. This is exactly where the popular chess play for Lionara had taken place once. Today, the inhabitants still celebrate this historic play every two years in September. This is why Marostica is also called the "City of Chess." Then and now the people have played it with living chess pieces. The people are dressed up as pawns, rooks or queens in medieval style and move as chess pieces over the squares on orders. A spectacle that is known far beyond the national borders.

An announcement drew my attention away from the marketplace over the sea of helmets to the starting and finishing line. Someone counted down. TRE, DUE, UNO, PENG! Everyone around me started to move. Some of them were in hectic, some concentrated, some were swearing and some of them cheering. Adrenaline was pumped through my body and my legs. I tried to make a good start. I grinned. My weaker self would have no chance at all today! Some kilometres later, it looked quite different though. My grin had disappeared and I rather had a concentrated expression on my face. I had already left behind the first hills around the town of Vicenza approx. 30 kilometres away. My legs and my bike felt good, yet I tried to save as much energy as possible. As the strongest weapons of my opponent were still to come.







With more than 2500 participants, the "Gran Fondo fi'zi:k – Città di Marostica" is one of the country's biggest cycle races

This region is deeply rooted in cycle racing, it is also the birthplace and location of the well-known saddle specialist fi'zi:k.

Among others, a two-time climb up the Asiago plateau was waiting for me on the 154 kilometres long gran fondo track with 2970 metres of altitude difference. The Salcedo climb, a real classic with a wonderful panoramic view of the region of Venetia and its popular cherry trees, were also part of the track. This region is deeply rooted in cycle racing, it is also the birthplace and location of the well-known saddle specialist fi'zi:k.

Unfortunately, I could not draw much of my attention to the landscape around me. It started to rain harder and the track got a lot more demanding and unpredictable. The game slowly started to become more painful and involved more losses. Even though I was overtaken regularly, there were still a lot of riders behind me. "Ciclofondisti" – this is how the Italians call those bike enthusiasts. However, there were not only hobby cyclists like me among

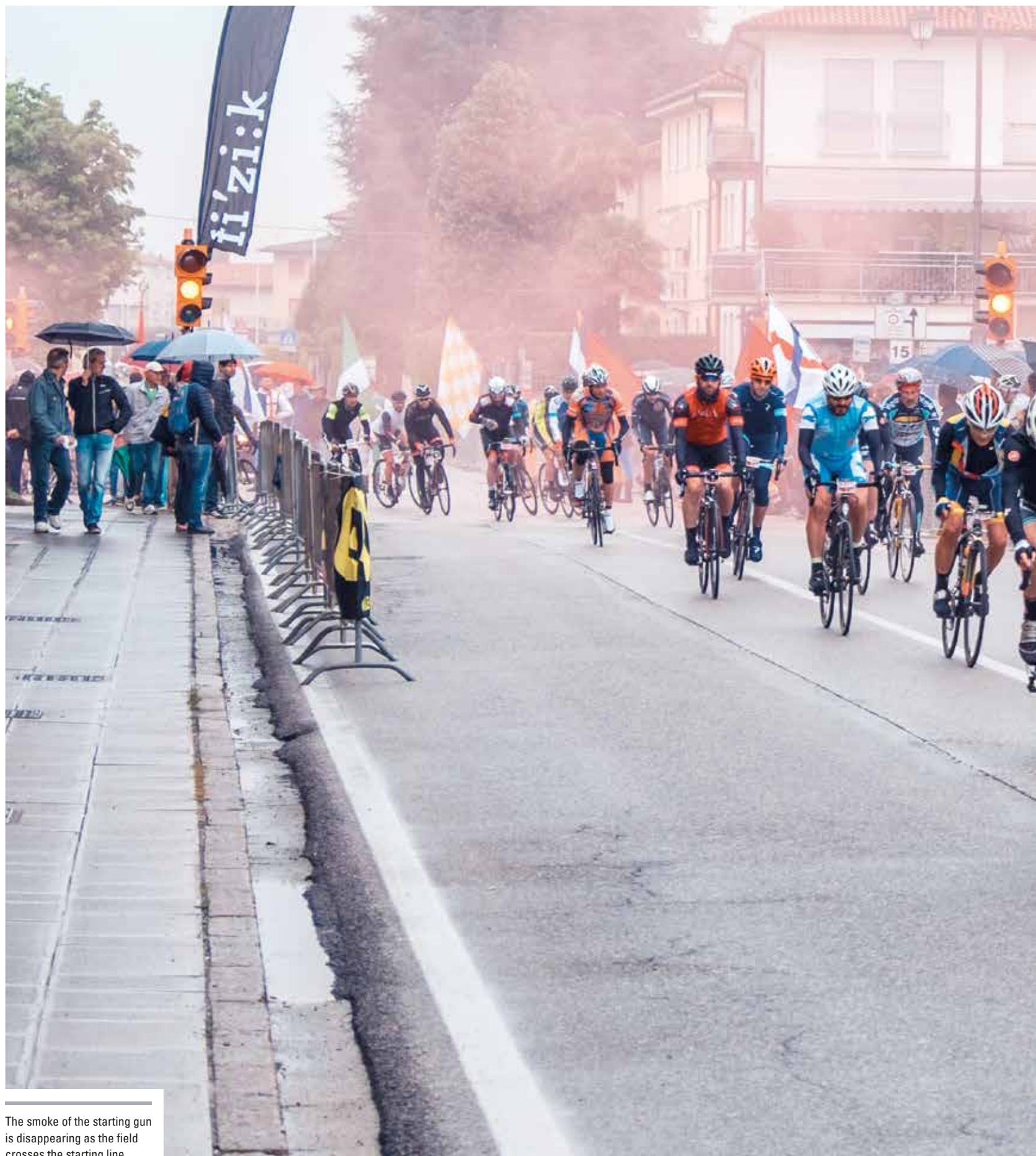


the ciclofondisti. Pros like Elia Viviani of the Sky team, Matteo Montaguti of AG2R La Mondiale or the 2008 road champion Alessandro Ballan also fought for the title. Okay, I suppose all three of them had already finished, but today, my opponent was a different one.

Towards the end of the race I conquered the Asiago plateau for the second time. I was completely in survival mode and more busy deflecting the attacks of my weaker self than launching an attack myself. This here definitely was the queen of my adversary and it was about to checkmate me. "Come on, give up. It's no shame to get off your bike here. Give up!" the bastard whispered.

But I did not give up. When passing the next refreshment station I grabbed a cup of water, drank half of it and poured the other half onto my face. My spirits were revived.





The smoke of the starting gun is disappearing as the field crosses the starting line









I finally was on my last kilometres. I could already see Marostica. I cheered, I rejoiced. Inside of me, something started to howl. My weaker self had given up. Driven by endorphins and with full pressure onto the pedals, I literally flew over the last metres into the historic city centre and over the finishing line on the marketplace. Immediately after that I rolled my bike to the side and laid my head on the handlebar. A friendly assistant gave me a glass of water and a slap on the shoulder. "Grande prestazione, ben fatto!"

– "Strong performance, well done!," he said honestly and gave me the thumbs up. I thanked him and pushed my bike aside at a snail's pace.

You would like to know if I was in good shape? I'd say yes! If I was well prepared for the extreme test the race put me to? Not really! Nevertheless, it is a great feeling to have managed the Gran Fondo fi'zi:k – Città di Marostica and to have triumphed over my weaker self. Checkmate! ■



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## ROSE C-SHOT helmet

Airy and light – the C-SHOT protects you in a comfortable way. Its polycarbonate hard shell with inmould polystyrene body and a weight of 260 g (size 56-59) meets highest safety requirements. 22 vents and an infinitely adjustable strap system with chin guard turn it into an ideal partner for your next marathon!

Item no.: 2206510



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## ROSE TOP CYW bib shorts

Best fit, highly functional fabric: These bib shorts will extend your summer! They are equipped with a comfortable LUCKY seat pad that perfectly absorbs vibrations coming from the saddle and bumps of the road thanks to elastic microfiber. So it's time for you to sit more comfortably! Material: 80% polyamide, 20% elastane. Inserts: 80% polyester, 20% elastane.

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## SQLAB 611 RACE TITUBE saddle

Perfect for long distances thanks to two thin gel layers that ergonomically embed your ischium in the higher seating surface. Weighs only approx. 242 g, available with TiTube aluminium rail and in four different sizes: 12 cm, 13 cm, 14 cm, 15 cm.

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## POLAR V800 HR Combo sports watch\*

With a heart rate sensor, a cadence sensor and a handlebar bracket, the POLAR V800 meets all professional requirements. You can track your training via GPS, and the watch will even show you when it's time to recover. Moreover, the "Polar Flow" web service and the "Polar Flow" app offer best control when analysing your data. Your personal performance centre for your wrist.

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€ 379,00



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## ROSE TOP CYW jersey

A respectable piece of garment for rides at high speeds. The elastic, sturdy material fits like a second skin; a full-length front zip with garage and a small zip pocket on the back are further features. Keep everything ready at hand! Material: 100% polyester. Mesh: 80% polyester, 20% elastane.

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## F100 dry lubricant 100 ml

A different way to lube your bike parts! This dry lubricant reduces friction and ensures a smooth running of all movable parts. Thanks to its hybrid formula, it combines the advantages of a grease lubrication with those of a dry lubrication: It forms a transparent hybrid film and creates a flexible, protective layer on chainring, cassette and bicycle chain.

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## TOP PRODUCT TOOL BOX

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ROSE ALL2GETHER tool box



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Turns every rookie into a skilled mechanic: The ROSE ALL2GETHER tool box comes with everything you need to carry out common repair and maintenance works yourself on your beloved bike; no matter if it is a mountain bike, road bike or trekking bike. Thanks to its compact shape, it is also ideally suited to take along on your next cycling holidays. However, it still has a very large field of use, despite its compactness. You would like to know what's in it? All important things like a crank extractor, a bottom bracket tool, a bottom bracket cup tool, a chain whip, a chain tool and so on and so forth. To make sure you can tighten every screw, the ROSE ALL2GETHER tool box also contains two cone wrenches with a wrench opening of 13/14 and 15/16 mm, a pedal wrench with a 15 mm wrench opening and a 14/15 mm socket, T-20/25/30 star wrenches in "L"-shape and a hex wrench set with 2/2,5/3/4/5/6 mm. Further practical features for your tours include two long plastic tyre levers and a repair kit. Nothing will stop you from becoming a team mechanic now!



ONLINE RATINGS // ROSE ALL2GETHER TOOL BOX



by Markus Pohle  
(written on 18.03.2015)

Unbeatable value for money! Tyre levers, pedal wrench, cassette removal tool, crank extractor, chain whip, chainring bolt tool, Hollowtech tool, chain tool and 2x open-end wrenches with 13/14/15/16 opening (each!) already turn the box into a must-have! The box itself comes in a labelled cardboard box, has metal closures and all tools have excellent hold in their recesses. The tools make a thought-out impression, seem to be of good quality and quickly prove their practical value! The repair kit and some other things are nice extras, but really unnecessary from my point of view. (...) Verdict: I will buy more tools of their own brand!



by Christian Schoch  
(written on 14.03.2016)

Easy handling is guaranteed in combination with the assembly videos. Tools are alright – tools of higher quality simply cost a bit more.



by Teranius  
(written on 28.04.2016)

The quality of the material certainly isn't the best one, but it does its job. The box actually contains everything I've ever needed for tinkering on my bike. Value for money is OK, too.



von Bastian Poerschke  
(written on 11.01.2015)

I've built my whole bike with it. Only a side cutter to shorten shift cables is missing. Other than that, you could run a whole bike workshop with it!



by Michael Nowak  
(written on 30.09.2015)

I have bought a tool box for the first time and really looked around for quite a while. This box is absolutely top. The tools come with great workmanship and are absolutely sufficient for every normal cyclist. Superb value for money. I can only agree with previous reviews and will buy further required tools extra.

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### **GARMIN** FORERUNNER 735XT running watch\*

Item no.: 2250205  
Item no.: 2250206



€ 419,95

Heart rate measurement on the wrist – the Garmin Forerunner 735 XT is a true all-round talent! Equipped with GPS and GLONASS, the navigation system of the Russian Federation, it offers everything you need to control your performance data. Thanks to Garmin Connect, Live Tracking and Smart Notifications, this watch is at the pulse of time and offers diverse possibilities to get connected. Waterproof up to 5 ATM (50 m), impact-resistant. Battery life: approx. 11 days (watch mode), 14 hours (GPS).

A stable little helper for your home workshop: The TOPEAK PREPSTAND ELITE assembly stand allows you to comfortably tinker on your bike and to clean or service it. As the stand comes with three legs, it offers top stability. Another great feature: The mounting arm can be rotated 360° and two quick releases allow for quick folding. Rubber clamps hold tubes with a diameter of 19 to 45 mm, the stand has a maximum load of 25 kg.

### **TOPEAK** PREPSTAND ELITE assembly stand

Item no.: 2204327



€ 279,95



**MINOURA** SPACE GRIP SGS-400 bike computer and light mount

Item no.: 1948752



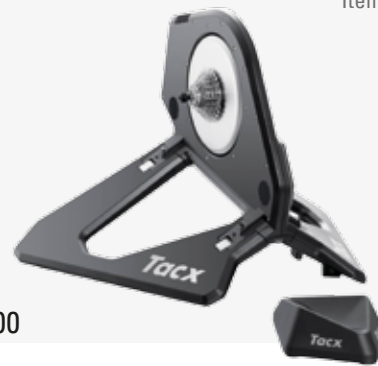
€ 15,95

Does your handlebar not offer enough space for a light AND a bike computer? Then this bracket could save your day: The Minoura Space Grip SGS-400 easily holds both and can even be installed within seconds. The aluminium tube is 100 mm wide and the sides can be adjusted by about 20 mm. Two spacers for width adjustment are included, the mount is available for numerous different handlebar diameters.

Powerful, quiet, intelligent: The NEO T2800 by Tacx is the high-flyer among indoor trainers. Its "real direct drive" concept simulates natural road resistance: Its motor is able to apply a resistance of up to 2200 watts and realistically simulates slopes up to 25%. Simply remove the rear wheel of your bike and off you go. Can also be connected to a tablet or smartphone.

**TACX** NEO T2800 indoor trainer

Item no.: 2151690



€ 1.299,00

**CHALLENGE** GRIFO COMP cross tyre

Item no.: 2193696



€ 17,90

For really wild guys: cross tyre with a deep tread for off-road rides. Offers a lot of grip, yet low rolling resistance and incredibly good self-cleaning properties. The Challenge Grifo Comp is the perfect training or all-round tyre. It comes with a Puncture Protection Strip insert and has a weight of only approx. 440 g. Let it roll!

Enlightening moments to take away: The SIGMA ROADSTER USB front light shines with a power of 25 lux and is easy to fix to the handlebar without tools thanks to a silicone strap. Its integrated lithium-ion battery has a life of approx. 3,5 hrs in power mode. In eco mode, it lasts around 1,5 hrs longer. The SIGMA ROADSTER is StVZO approved for all bikes and weighs only 72 grams.

**SIGMA** ROADSTER USB headlight\*

Item no.: 2228974



€ 23,95

**KASK** PROTONE helmet

Item no.: 2107079



€ 209,00 each (available in additional colours)

Cool look, cool head, additional safety! The PROTONE road helmet by KASK offers best ventilation, good heat dissipation and excellent aerodynamics thanks to an advanced design. If the worst comes to the worst, you can surely rely on the proven INMOULD technology. A polycarbonate shell on the outside offers additional protection. This helmet does not have any adaptive difficulties: Thanks to the OCTO FIT system, it fits as if it was especially made for you!

The right jacket for in-between seasons – warm, windproof, water-repellent! The outer fabric with a waterproofness of approx. 10.000 mm simply lets rain and splashing water roll off, a fluffy fleece lining inside will keep you warm. The breathability (mvp) is approx. 5000 g/m²/24 h, which guarantees a perfect climate. Taped pockets and a taped front zip are also resistant to water. *Material: 100% polyester.*

**ROSE** WINDBREAKER jacket

Item no.: 2152981

Item no.: 2152990



€ 109,95

**X-BIONIC** TWYCE long-sleeved jersey

Item no.: 2216003



€ 199,00

The X-BIONIC TWYCE jersey cools you down when you need it! It stands out for a 200% enlarged 3D BIONIC SPHERE SYSTEM on chest and back. This doubles the cooling effect and reduces unpleasant dampness and the feeling of overheating. Including full-length zip, anatomic fit, three back pockets. *Material: 90% polyamide, 6% polypropylene, 4% elastane.*

Spiderman would have surely appreciated this practical companion: Even though it is small, it offers great freedom of movement and can transport important small parts. With only approx. 165 g, it carries almost no weight, but with a volume of approx. 3,5 l, it yet offers enough space for your smartphone, pump, replacement tube etc. Its light straps are breathable, an integrated tablet compartment should also appeal to office workers, three outer pockets allow for a fast access.

**ASSOS** GTAspiderBag backpack

Item no.: 2250008



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**OAKLEY** EVZERO PATH glasses

Item no.: 2229964



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HD quality view – this is state of the art! The road has never looked more beautiful than with the HIGH DEFINITION OPTICS technology! Best fit and a low weight are included. This is topped off by perfect protection, the PLUTONITE lens filters 100% of all UV-A/UV-B/UV-C rays as well as harmful blue light up to 400 nm.

When it is getting cold outside, you want to feel comfortable on your bike. The CASTELLI SORRISO long-sleeved jersey for women keeps you warm and feels pleasantly soft on the skin. A thermal fleece lining wicks sweat away from your body and leaves a dry and pleasant feeling. Moreover, you will benefit from a longer back panel with three pockets and reflective elements.

*Material: 100% polyester.*

**CASTELLI** SORRISO women's jersey

Item no.: 2224172



€ 89,95

**CRAFT** ACTIVE EXTREME 2.0 CN women's long-sleeved undershirt

Item no.: 2212478



€ 49,95

Everything that fits close to the skin should be of especially high quality. Just like the ACTIVE EXTREME 2.0 CN undershirt by CRAFT. Its breathable COOLMAX AIR fabric transports moisture and heat to the outside and leaves a pleasantly dry feeling. BODYMAPPING mesh inserts underneath the arms and at the cuffs provide high freedom of movement. *Material: 100% polyester, Inserts: 96% polyester, 4% elastane.*

Proven ROSE quality for a proven feeling of well-being! The thermal ROSE LINE long-sleeved jersey is a basic every cyclist should have – it is a must-have for cool days. The warm and pleasant fabric stands out for high comfort while the fit allows for high freedom of movement – also for active riders! Thanks to its moisture-wicking properties, the jersey reduces the risk of overheating or getting chilled, back pockets hold all important small parts. *Material: 100% polyester, Mesh inserts: 87% polyester, 13% elastane.*

**ROSE** LINE thermal long-sleeved jersey

Item no.: 2239989



€ 49,95



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## ORTLIEB/ROSE CLASSIC CYW LTD back roller

**D**o you like what you see? Then be quick! The CLASSIC CYW LTD back roller bag that was developed in cooperation between ORTLIEB and ROSE represents a limited edition of the popular pannier in a new design. To ensure that the symmetry of your beloved bicycle won't suffer, the panniers come in a twin pack. Each pannier offers a volume of 20 l and weighs around 950 g. The rear panniers feature a roll closure and are not only waterproof, but also fast and easy to install thanks to their ORTLIEB QUICK LOCK 1 mounting system. In short, the ORTLIEB/ROSE CLASSIC CYW LTD back roller pannier is a loyal companion on long and short tours. But don't forget: It's a limited edition! So hurry up and visit ROSE BIKETOWN or shop online on [www.rosebikes.com](http://www.rosebikes.com)!

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#### GARMIN EDGE 820 GPS bike computer

No ride without your Garmin! The Edge 820 is the legitimate successor of the successful Edge 810 model – specced with a 2,3" (5,8 cm) large, capacitive high-resolution colour touchscreen. The brand-new GPS bike computer offers the perfect combination of performance analysis and navigation – including heart rate, cadence and speed sensor. With an optionally available powermeter, the athletes have the possibility to stay informed on their maximum rate of oxygen consumption (VO2max), the time spent in the different heart rate zones and their power threshold level as well as to determine the required time for recovery. In addition to a navigation system with a preinstalled map of Europe, the Edge 820 offers numerous other features, such as highly sensitive GPS + GLONASS receivers, a barometric altimeter and a waterproof housing. Including premium heart rate chest strap, speed sensor, cadence sensor and aero bracket.

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## GIRO MONTARO helmet with MIPS

**M**ONTARO – this is Swahili and means “safe downhill”. You would like to know if that’s true? When looking at this piece of finest helmet technology, you will believe it immediately. It’s a fact that the MONTARO MIPS helmet by GIRO offers increased safety on your way downhill. INMOULD technology, an adjustable P.O.V.+ visor and a ventilated ROC LOC AIR FIT SYSTEM for size adjustment are just a few of the many advantages this highly technical, protective hat offers. Another highlight is that the MONTARO comes with MIPS. This MULTI-DIRECTIONAL IMPACT PROTECTION SYSTEM is a slip-plane system within the helmet designed to effectively reduce head injuries from rotational impacts. And for all fashionistas: The GIRO MONTARO is available in many different colours to make sure that it will match your outfit.

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#### ERGON SMA3 saddle

**G**ood saddle, good ride. In order to ensure top-class tours with your bike in future, we would like to present you the SMA3 made by the saddle specialist ERGON. Two of its best features are excellent shock absorption and a great anatomic shape. The V-shape with a sloping rear particularly proves advantageous on longer tours. Comfort foam and a relief channel ensure a pleasant ride as well as efficient shock absorption and allow for fast position changes in the saddle. Depending on the size, the Ergon SMA weighs approx. 260 g (small) or approx. 265 g (medium). It is designed for a sit bone distance of 9 to 13 cm. Its rail is made of CroMo, the seating shell made of nylon GFRP, and the upper is made of microfibre. What more reasons to buy do cyclists need?

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