

Lazer Z1 helmet £199.99

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Only very recently launched, we've had a sample on test for a few months and it has proved to be excellent.

Lazer has tweaked the fit to make it slightly more European so it's longer and thinner than other Lazer helmets — and it's a big improvement.

At a nudge over 200 grams, the weight is competitive but it's the

additional features that make the Z1 a winner to us. Lazer is pioneering the Rollsys and T-Pro protection systems to increase safety rather than chase down every last gram.

As you'd expect from a helmet with this number of vents, cooling is on a par with other comparable lids, while the straps use a guide that manages to perform that simple task that so few seem able to achieve — and that's to hold the straps flat to the head. MH

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Gaerne G.Chrono Plus £280

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The G.Chrono Plus shoes sit at the top of the range of Gaerne's cycling shoes and are pretty feature-packed. The 'EPS Carbon Fibre Sole' is incredibly stiff and very thin, which coupled with a slim insole makes for a minimal stack height which is good for increased pedalling efficiency. The microfibre upper is well ventilated and very light and the Boa L5 fastening system allows a very even and infinitely adjustable fit.

In use, the light (556g per pair for the size 43) G.Chronos were as stiff and as comfortable as you would expect of a top-end race shoe. The carbon heel cup is very deep and, with the Boa lacing, provides an excellent fit. I never experienced heel lift, even when sprinting hard, and I never experienced any hot spots across the foot despite having them fastened good and tight, only a slightly flat insole blotted their copybook. Sure they aren't cheap but they compare well with their rivals and look pretty classy in the matt black or white colour schemes. Overall one of the best race shoes this tester has ever used. BS

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Rubena Syrinx Racing Pro £24.95

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The Syrinx, from Czech manufacturer Rubena, is pitched as a training tyre so we've been pleasantly surprised by its wet and dry performance and excellent rolling resistance.

The tyres have a claimed weight of 470g, which is definitely on the heavy side, but consequently puncture resistance is very good and even after nearly 1,000 miles there are no noticeable cuts in the tyre — rare for miles accumulated in the Surrey Hills. The medium silica compound is starting to show signs of wear, particularly on the rear, but



this will always be the trade-off for the astonishing grip these tyres provide.

We're really impressed with the balance that Rubena has struck and feel

that both the RRP and the wear rate are a small price to pay for such a superb all-round tyre. DS

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