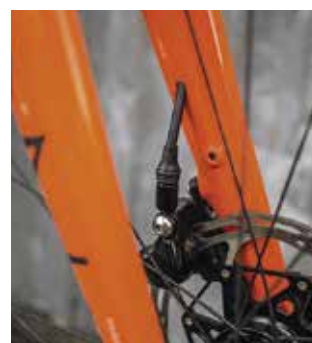


ADVENTURE BIKE OF THE YEAR

Mason Bokeh Rival 1X

Bikepacking was another new trend that we explored this year, again honouring this aspect of cycling with its own mini guide back in July. We also looked at a lot of so-called adventure bikes that claim to be fit for this particular purpose. The one that really stood out for us, though, was the Mason Bokeh Rival 1X which is just perfect for the job. It features a robust triple-butted alloy frame, tyre clearance to fit either 700c or 650b wheels, a full complement of rack mounting points, bottle cage bosses and mudguard mounts (there's even a boss to fit a dynamo light to the carbon fork), plus superb Mason x Hunt wheels and SRAM Rival hydraulic disc groupset. Everything you need to get thoroughly and splendidly lost.

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RIDER OF THE YEAR

Mark Beaumont

Many people have achieved many great things on the back of a bike this year, but only one can claim to have circumnavigated the world on one in less than 80 days. Inspired by Jules Verne's 1873 novel, Scottish cyclist Mark Beaumont set off from Paris on 2nd July from Paris and cycled through Europe, Russia, Mongolia, and China, before reaching Australia and New Zealand. He then flew to Alaska, cycled across North America before a final flight brought him back across the Atlantic to Portugal, from where he pedalled back to Paris. Mark covered 18,000 miles in 79 days, clocking up 240 miles per day to beat the former assisted-ride record for circumnavigating the globe by 44 days. Mark, who also once held the record for an unassisted circumnavigation of the world by bicycle, told *BikesEtc*, 'When I first rode around the world I felt I was going fast, riding 100 miles a day, but that looks pedestrian to me now!' We can't wait to see what he does for an encore!