

# THE INFORMATION

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**17 Felt DA**

If this pro triathlon and time-trial bike was a plane it would be a sleek stealth bomber. Developed in a wind tunnel by the US manufacturer, Felt, it is "as aerodynamic as it is legal to make a racing bike," says Joel. Featuring carbon throughout, including a custom bayonet fork, the DA is this year's ride for British road-race champion and Tour de France stage winner David Millar. Its price tag means the rest of us can just drool.

**Where** Felt ([www.feltbikes.co.uk](http://www.feltbikes.co.uk))

**How much** £4,499.99

**18 Scott Spark 20**

Scott's Spark range may not be cheap (£2,200-£5,200), but they are some of the lightest full-suspension cross-country mountain bikes ever produced, and have powered several pros to race victories. "If low weight and speed are required, the Spark has it all," says Joel. "A brilliant component package, including Shimano XT brakes, gears and shifters, creates the ultimate mountain bike."

**Where** Scott ([www.scottusa.com](http://www.scottusa.com))

**How much** £2,749.99

**19 Montague Swissbike LX**

If laughably titchy wheels and nerdy styling put you off folders, take a look at this rugged offering from Montague. Long revered in the US, the award-winning bikes have been deployed in Iraq, where their sturdy build and portability make them a marine's best friend. Landing on our shores later this month, the LX is a fully fledged mountain bike that happens to fold in half.

**Where** (01730 711140; [www.montague-uk.com](http://www.montague-uk.com))

**How much** £645

**20 Specialized Tricross Sport**

Cyclo-cross, in which competitors sprint round all-terrain courses on "off-road" road bikes, has enjoyed a recent boom in popularity. The sturdy steeds made for the job are also perfect for gritty urban commutes. "The Tricross is a true workhorse," says Joel. "With plenty of room for mudguards and racks, yet light enough to not to leave you worn out after the daily ride in, it's the ideal rainy-day commuter."

**Where** Specialized ([www.specialized.com](http://www.specialized.com))

**How much** £699.99

**21 Scott CR1 Plasma Pro**

A decent roadbike or even a commuter will do the amateur triathlete, but if you're moving up a gear, you'll want a slightly smarter ride. This Scott is, says Joel, "a classic triathlon bike and one of the lightest time-trial bikes ever produced. They've achieved it thanks in part to the integrated seat-mast. Cutting it to size with a hacksaw (not included) is a nerve-wracking alteration to make on such a pricey bike."

**Where** Scott ([www.scottusa.com](http://www.scottusa.com))

**How much** £2,419.99

**22 Cannondale F5 Fem 2008**

"Cannondale's real knack for producing stylish bikes is shown in this entry-level ladies' machine," says Joel. "With all the components you'd expect to see, including a lightweight frame, RockShox suspension forks, and dual hydraulic disc brakes, it's a really great ride at a fantastic price." Shimano shifters, gears and crankset complete this great-value package.

**Where** Cannondale ([www.cannondale.com](http://www.cannondale.com))

**How much** £549.99