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EDITORS' CHOICE

## RECREATIONAL Bikes that love to ride as much as you do

Price proved the deciding factor in making Jamis's Xenith Comp our pick.



THE WINNER

### Jamis Xenith Comp

**T**his could have been a close race for

the top step on the podium, because all three finalists performed well out on the road. But the Xenith Comp won handily when we factored in its price: \$449 less than the BH and \$250 less than the Cervélo, which reflects the fact that it's a 2009 holdover. But just because it's inexpensive doesn't mean it's cheap; technological advances such as a tapered steerer, BB30 bottom bracket and asymmetrical chainstays deliver power to the pavement and keep the carbon frame's handling crisp. Testers also praised the Xenith Comp for its silky-smooth yet lively feel on the road. The BH Speedrom drew high marks for its ride and handling, while the Cervélo S1 won the hearts of the hard-core speed freaks—but neither could overcome the Xenith Comp's class-winning combination of performance and value.

**WEIGHT:** 18.1 lb. (54cm) **PRICE:** \$1,950  
**SIZES:** 48, 51, 54 (tested), 56, 58, 61cm **SPEC HIGHLIGHTS:** Carbon-fiber frame w/ Dyad fiber lay-up; Shimano 105 shifters, Ultegra rear derailleur, WH-R500 wheelset; Easton EA30 bar and stem **INFO:** jamisbikes.com



#### BH Speedrom 105

**WEIGHT:** 18.13 lb. (55cm) **PRICE:** \$2,399  
**SIZES:** 53, 55 (tested), 57, 59cm **SPEC HIGHLIGHTS:** Toray and Mitsubishi high- and medium-modulus carbon-fiber monocoque frame; full carbon fork; Shimano 105 shifters, drivetrain and brakes, RS10 wheels; FSA OS-190 stem **INFO:** bhbikes-us.com

#### Cervélo S1

**WEIGHT:** 18.07 lb. (54cm) **PRICE:** \$2,200  
**SIZES:** 48, 51, 54 (tested), 56, 58, 61cm **SPEC HIGHLIGHTS:** Cervélo TruAero aluminum frame; 3T Funda Pro fork; Shimano Ultegra SL shifters, derailleurs and brakes, R500 wheels; FSA Gossamer compact crankset **INFO:** cervelo.com

**RUNNERS-UP**



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