



# WHAT BIKE SHOULD I BUY?

MARSHAL WANTS A NEW BIKE  
THAT'S LIGHT, FAST AND DEPENDABLE.



**JAMIS**  
**CODA COMP \$800**

After riding a Specialized Crossroads hybrid for the last seven years, Marshal Fox, 62, of Ashland, Oregon, wants a bike that's faster, lighter and costs less than a grand. He primarily rides on bike paths and city streets. Marshal is looking for quality components and a dependable frame.—Ron Koch



Because flat-bar road bikes bridge the gap between hybrids and drop-bar road machines, the Coda Comp is a logical choice for Marshal. Its Ritchey flat handlebar will put him in a slightly more aerodynamic position while still offering a level of comfort and control. For 2007, Jamis added 10mm to the frame's head tube for a slightly more upright stance, and the suspension seatpost will help absorb bumps the carbon fork and butted Reynolds 520 steel frame can't. Wind-cheating low-spoke-count Shimano R500 wheels with 28c Vittoria Zaffiro tires give the Coda Comp an additional bit of speed that will let Marshal ride farther and faster.

**FRAME:** Reynolds 520 double-buttressed chromoly **FORK:** Carbon-fiber unicrown **COMPONENT HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano SL-440 nine-speed shifter, Deore LX rear derailleur; FSA Vero 52/42/30 crankset; Avid Single Digit brakes; Shimano R500 wheels; Vittoria Zaffiro 28c tires; Ritchey flat handlebar, threadless angle-adjustable stem; telescoping suspension seatpost; Selle San Marco Ischia Plus saddle  
**CONTACT:** jamisbikes.com **WANT TO SPEND LESS?:** Check out the Coda Sport (\$600), which features the same Reynolds 520 frame tubing but comes with a Shimano Deore rear derailleur, Alex rims, Tektro brakes and a chromoly fork.