



## 26 SCOTT SPORT

There are eight differently priced road bikes in Scott's comprehensive portfolio; this one's the budget model. Most road bikes come with just two chainrings up front, which is fine for the majority of ascents. However, if a ride up Mount Snowdon is more your thing, then you'll need something with a third chainring, like this Sport, which is well specced and light enough for both leisure rides and frantic commuting.

**Where from:** Scott (0670 712 129; [www.scottusa.com](http://www.scottusa.com)).  
**How much:** £499.



## 27 GARY FISHER DUAL SPORT 229

Gary Fisher is considered the father of mountain biking, and he knows a thing or two about the subject. No one, however, expected him to produce something quite as unique as this mountain bike-cum-city slicker. The Dual Sport uses 29-inch mountain-bike wheels (most MTBs are fitted with 26-inch wheels) which, they say, are more efficient at rolling over larger obstacles, such as exposed tree roots and logs. But that's not all. Swap those thick, knobby tyres for 700c road tyres, and you have a bike perfectly suited to commuting and general road-riding. It's the ideal all-rounder.

**Where from?** Gary Fisher (01908 282626; [www.fisherbikes.co.uk](http://www.fisherbikes.co.uk)).  
**How much:** £700.



## 28 BIRDY

You'd never guess you were travelling on small, 18-inch wheels, so sprightly and comfortable is the Birdy's ride. This is doubtless a result of the combination of a well-designed stem, a no-dip front suspension, the long wheelbase and a top-notch aluminium frame. The folding system takes practice and it doesn't fold into as small a package as the benchmark Brompton, but it's easily light enough to carry (around 22 lbs) and, crucially, it rides better than most other fold-ups on the market. Available in several different guises.

**Where from:** Bikefix (020-7405 1218; [www.bikefix.co.uk](http://www.bikefix.co.uk)).  
**How much:** £800 to £1,800.



## 32 KLEIN ATTITUDE V

From its fat, beautifully machined and unbelievably light ZR 9000 aluminium frame to the cool-looking Bontrager components, this has to be one of the most desirable mountain bikes on the market. The handling is awe-inspiring, and the Rock Shox Duke front suspension takes the sting out of the stiffer ride characteristics synonymous with rigid aluminium-framed bikes. The Attitude V is a top-notch trail bike that likes nothing more than a good seeing to.

**Where from:** Klein (01908 282626; [www.kleinbikes.com](http://www.kleinbikes.com)).  
**How much:** £1,100.



## 33 AIRNIMAL CHAMELEON

The 24-inch wheel-shod, road-specced Chameleon may not be as practical a folder as some of the others in this round-up, but its larger-diameter 24-inch wheels enable it to cover far greater distances with minimal effort, and it's available with both drop and flat handlebars. It handles superbly; turns many heads, and it's built to an extremely high standard. Furthermore, the whole package fits into either its own rucksack or a hard flight case – which must be a boon for any international traveller.

**Where from?** Airminal (01225 523973; [www.airnimal.com](http://www.airnimal.com)).  
**How much?** £1,200.



## 34 GARY FISHER TIBURON

The Tiburon is one of the most comfortable budget-priced hybrids in the Gary Fisher range. Available for both men and women, and equipped with seat suspension, decent RST front-suspension forks and adjustable handlebars, the good-looking silver Tiburon glides effortlessly round town. And it's oh-so-much cheaper than an annual season ticket for the Tube.

**Where from:** Gary Fisher (01908 282626; [www.fisherbikes.co.uk](http://www.fisherbikes.co.uk)).  
**How much:** £270.