

URBAN

ROAD

MOUNTAIN

CHILDREN'S

FOLDING



29 Pinnacle Twenty Disc

Rather than designing a kid's bike and bodging it by sticking on standard components, the chaps at Pinnacle have simply resized a hi-spec grown-up mountain bike. "This is a no-compromises kid's bike and is the lightest available in a market that produces way too many heavy bikes," says Joel. Featuring six gears, twist-shifters and flashy disc brakes, it's a serious bit of kit.

Where Evans Cycles (0870 165 1108; www.evanscycles.com)

How much £249.99



30 Airnimal Joey Commute

Models in the range from this maker of high-performance folders have propelled riders to bronze at the triathlon World Championships and over the world's highest motorable road in the Himalayas. This sturdy commuter sports a Shimano Nexus 8-speed hub gear and decent 24-inch wheels. And at 12kg, it's light enough to cart on to trains or stick on planes.

Where Airnimal (www.airnimalfoldingbikes.com)

How much £750



31 Charge Mixer

Like the Raw Cannondale, this very cool urban ride from the Somerset bike firm comes with Shimano's impressive new Alfine 8-speed internal hub and disc brakes, doing away with traditional (and high-maintenance) derailleurs. An ideal compromise between nimble fixies and hill-ready hybrids the Mixer is, says Joel, "a new breed of hybrid, taking elements from a host of bikes and blending them with great retro styling."

Where Charge (01202 732288; www.chargebikes.com)

How much £699.99



32 Giant SCR 1.5 women's 08

Cycling purists might look down their well-tanned noses at mass-market bike giants like Specialized and, well, Giant, but the firms undeniably make decent bikes. Giant's SCR range includes entry-level bikes for as little as £350. This 1.5 women's ride is a step-up and has decent parts, including carbon composite forks, Tiagra shifters, as well as a forgiving ride position.

Where Giant (0115-977 5900; www.giant-bicycles.com)

How much £649



33 Genesis Core 10 (08)

This hardtail (no rear suspension) British-built and designed mountain bike impressed Bikeradar's testers so much they gave it an impressive 9 out of 10. "As with all sub-£500 bikes, the ride is predictably neutral and well controlled, if not exactly plush," admits Tony. "But not many bikes this cheap come with so much Shimano kit and this is an excellent budget alternative to the big multi-national marques."

Where Genesis Bikes (www.genesisbikes.co.uk)

How much £450



34 Specialized Globe Sport Disc

This is a pure-bred hybrid that borrows some of the best technology developed for mountain bikes. "It has a lightweight aluminium frame, disc brakes and excellent Shimano componentry throughout," says Joel Natale. "Allied with understated styling and decent build quality, this is a fantastic, do-everything ride that comes in at a great price."

Where Specialized (www.specialized.com)

How much £399.99