

ZTR manufactures different types of rims, adapted to XC up to DH. We found 4 different sizes: the most narrow is the Alpine, dedicated to XC/ XC competition with 23.2mm of external diameter. Then comes the Crest, with 24.4mm which give more control and support to the rider. The Arch EX, in turn, are polyvalent and solid, for a use between XC and All Mountain. Last but not least, the Flow EX, with 29.1mm dedicated to All Mountain or DH.

We tested the Crest, a reference for those who are seeking lightweight wheels at a reasonable price. They are composed by NoTubes rims, DT Swiss Competition spokes and RCZ Race 32 holes hubs. The front wheel can be mounted with a 9 or 15mm axle, while the rear needs a 9*135 or a 12*142mm axle. They don't have quick releases, but the adaptors for 9 or 15mm comes in the package. They are compatible with 9, 10 and 11-speed cassettes. The 2RS bearings are sealed and hand-assembled. We mounted them with 6-holes rotors and a 15mm front axle.

So, they are ready for some XC/Trail. We remind you that if you want to have an agile and quick wheelset, you have to make their weight drop. A 1636g wheelset (752g for the front, and 884g for the rear wheel) are a great step towards efficiency. They may not be the lightest on the market, but their general behaviour doesn't disappoint even the most demanding riders. The overall rigidity is superior to XC wheels of the same price range, we were able to speed up without experiencing any problem – this is even more remarkable for the 29" version. The solidity test was brilliantly passed, they reacted perfectly to some unexpected obstacles such as stones and harsh landings even with the 85 kgs weight limit. As they aren't tubeless, it's a pity they don't come with a rim tape, but mounting a kit is actually no problem. Be careful that the tire is well centred while assembling, otherwise, be prepared to suffer hell.