

RCZ Race / ZTR Crest 27.5" V2 Disc

Thanks to them, Cross-Country is finally within the reach of everyone

The Luxembourgian online-shop RCZ sells online his proper products as well as those from well-known brands at very aggressive prices, but has always had a preference for self-assembled wheels, with the clear aim of offering high-quality products at a very interesting price, as it is for this example. How much do they cost? Only 299.99 Euros!

Technical details: the choice of a Stan's NoTubes Crest rim, very appreciated among keen cyclists because of its excellent lightweight and solidity value, satisfies the most difficult person as well, since it offers a wider internal width (21mm) in comparison to the traditional value of 19mm. As it is for the tyres, which have become bigger overtime, there's no doubt a bigger rim provides with more efficient bike-control. And the fact that the inventor of the Tubeless conversion system manufactures those rims, guarantees that there's no problem during the installation of the tyres. The differential number of spokes is also good news, 28 at the front and 32 at the back, for these noble DT Swiss Competition, whose nipples vary between 2 and 1.8mm. The nipples are in aluminium and black-anodised, making the overall rotation weight shrink down (the rotating weight has more overall influence), the assembling is home-made, the spokes are crossed with superimposition, a typical solution which exalt the reactivity beyond comfort, as well as contributing to reducing weight (since this reduce the required length) down to 1640 gr.

The hubs are manufactured for RCZ by Novatec, a trustworthy manufacturer who's very well-known for his self-branded wheels. The sealed bearings proved their quality and guarantee a great smoothness of the wheels but also longevity; yet RCZ suggests you should respect the caution weight-limit for the rider of 85 kg. All adapters are included so that everyone can use them, without caring about which standard does one's use. The last advice is to prefer using cassettes with a support-spider for the bigger chain ring, in order to reduce the possibility of blocking between gears and the free-wheel body (which is at the moment not available for SRAM 11-speed groups). Infos: www.rczbikeshop.com

On the ground: the wheels are very well-built, centring and alignment of the rims are irreproachable, tension figures are in the average, that explains why we didn't experience any setting-up noise in the very first meters of use (or in the first difficult climbs), this is a sign of experience and of great attention during the assembly.

The discs mount with 6-holes standard and mounting different tyres during the next was no problem at all. The bearings are very smooth, the wheels like to speed up. Excellent ratio between the reactivity during the ride and the comfort on long rides, a delicate aspect for those who enjoy cross-country racing. They very often come with little travel suspension (or even none for the rear) and high-inflation tyres. The reaction to the changing of directions turned out to be very efficient as well.

To conclude, these wheels are far more reliable as the price would suggest: isn't that good news?