





Those who've given up cars for bikes already have made a statement about reducing their carbon footprint. But a company in La Selva Beach, Calif., has upped the ante on green machines.

Craig Calfee's bikes are super green: they're made of bamboo. The fastgrowing plant is an ideal material for bicycles, says Calfee: It's stronger and lighter than most metals and absorbs road vibration much better.

Calfee forces bamboo to grow through carefully placed barriers to get the bends and curves he needs for frames and other components. The frames are held together with lugs made from a hemp fiber for the natural look.

All of Calfee's unique frames are built to order. The frames are designed based on the weight of the rider and cost about three grand. But with a 10-year warranty and a chance to do your part to keep carbon emissions low, we figure it's worth it. 

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