

Translation

Bike Journalist A Mr. Imanaka, who was the first Japanese pro cyclist
participating TDF
Upper Pics

This bike provides incredible stiffness considering this was made of natural material, bamboo. I wanted to mark "4" by 5 on stiffness ranking, however, other latest carbon fiber frames tested raise their stiffness so this bamboo is 3" by 5. This bike is really sufficient for riding as "fast road bike" and acceleration is also even better than middle grade carbon fiber bikes. One other good profile of this is, bamboo responds pretty linearly. (I'm not confident in this translation so I mean, relation between power input and bike response is natural and linear.)

True Temper Carbon fork is also good and stiff enough for hard braking. Shock dampening ability is impressive and gives pretty comfortable ride. Not only bamboo structure and leather saddle should help this properties. For daily storage, some platform should match this bike.

Bike Journalist B
Upper Pics

I know this is already sold model but it's a first experience to see and ride this bamboo bike.

Bamboo and hemp-jointed structure is much lighter than expected and even with lightweight zipp 202 wheel, it accelerates really fast. Frame stiffness is surprisingly high, and it gives "ordinary ride" like other good bike frame. However this bike won't let me ride in competition like criterium, city circuit race. Probably this bike should move superbly but we can enjoy with different bikes in such hard ride.

Shock absorption ability is remarkable. It gives like "flying carpet" ride but acceleration and uphill properties are as same as other latest standard bike frame.

This bike is really "work of art" and you can also enjoy this ride. This can be like final choice of riders who knows a lot of bikes and bike frames for years.

Parts assemble
Campy Record
Crank: THM
Brake Arch: Ax lightness
Wheelset: Zipp 202
Handlebar: Zipp 145

