## BIKE TEST 29ER ALL-ROUNDER



# On-One Bootzipper 29er

**Richard Hallett** reviews a general purpose off-road bike with no suspension but plenty of braze-ons

nyone buying an On-One Bootzipper gets a lot of bike for their money. There's a lot of metal, a lot of rubber, and a lot of handlebar. Oddly, given all this, there's not much by way of a saddle, but first impressions first.

The saddle is a long way off the ground, because - as with many off-road

bikes – so is the bottom bracket. The 295mm bottom bracket height placed the saddle so high I mostly opted for a cyclo-cross mount to climb aboard.

This combined with the wide, rear-set Geoff handlebars to provide me with a stately riding sensation reinforced by

#### SONDER FRONTIER SX EAGLE RIGID £799 'Multi-activity hardtail' with aluminium frameset

Other options

with aluminium frameset, 27.5+ wheels, rack mounts, and 1×12 SRAM gearing. alpkit.com





Above: The seatstays and chainstays are reinforced at the joints and equipped with mudguard and rack mounts the obstacle-flattening momentum of the massive 29er rubber. The Vittoria AKAs roll well on the road at moderate speeds, with plenty of grip in slippery off-road conditions, for which they are well suited.

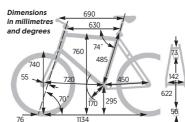
So, too, is the Bootzipper itself. Described by the manufacturer as a

ck mounts the manufacturer as a 'bikepack-ready big wheel mountain mongrel', it's specified for all-roads action of the

more adventurous type, with a wealth of braze-on bosses and fittings – including one for a dropper seatpost cable. The frame is clear-coat finished and shows off the brazing and neat TIG-welding on the variously-butted 4130 chrome-moly

GENESIS LONGITUDE £1,199.99 Steel bikepacking MTB with 27.5+ wheels, loads of luggage mounts, and 2×10 Shimano Deore. genesisbikes.co.uk





# **Tech Sρec** ON-ONE BOOTZIPPER 29ER SRAM SX

 Price: £899.99
Sizes: S, M, L (tested). XL

• Weight: 13.5kg

• Frame & fork: TIG-welded 4130 cro-moly steel frame and fork with fittings for mudguards, front and rear racks, and 3 bottles. • Wheels: 56-622 Vittoria AKA tyres. Alex FXR30 29er rims, Formula Boost hubs, On-One Big Dog thru-axles. 32×3 pg spokes. • Transmission: SRAM SX Eagle DUB chainset with 32t ring, SRAM DUB bottom bracket. SRAM SX Eagle

11-50t 12-speed rear mech, SRAM SX Eagle rear mech and trigger shifter. 12 ratios, 18-84in. • Braking: SRAM Level hydraulic discs, 180mm front, 160mm rear rotors Steering & seating: 720mm On-One Geoff aluminium handlebar, 60mm **On-One Hot Box** V2 aluminium stem Selcof semi-integrated threadless headset. 31.6mm On-One Twelvety 6061 aluminium alloy seatpost, San

Marco Dirty saddle.

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steel frame tubes.

Substantial gussets stiffen the head tube's junction with the top and down tubes – just as well given the unyielding stiffness of the welded tubular steel fork – while steel plate is used to reinforce the seatstays and chainstays where they join the main triangle.

The transmission is SRAM 1× with a tiddly 32t chainring driving a 12-speed cassette with a huge 50t largest sprocket. Lowest gear is a wall-climbing 18in, and the bike does indeed scale very steep gradients with aplomb. SRAM hydraulic disc brakes do their job well and the rear mech shifts unerringly.

## Verdict

Out of the box, the Bootzipper is well up for a ride to the pub or an unsupported expedition into the mountains, the sparsely-upholstered saddle ramming home the message that this is not a machine for the lover of home comforts.