



## CHPT3 Transit Shoe

Stylish SPD-compatible trainers that don't click cleats on pavements

£195 [chpt3.com](https://chpt3.com)

There may be more to CHPT3's new Transit 'urban' cycling shoe than city-sneaker good looks, but they are undoubtedly its strongest suit. The off-white Transit tested is arguably finer looking than the black version but it will also be more vulnerable to any punishment meted out by bad weather.

The website notes that 'prolonged exposure to water or heavy rain may cause damage to the shoes', recommending the use of a water-repellent spray and avoiding prolonged exposure. The black version should fare better for longer as a daily wear, but those who buy these shoes primarily for their looks may want to avoid getting them wet or filthy

in the first place.

Dry weather urban pedalling, then, may be the Transit's ideal role, but it is positioned according to the manufacturer as an all-rounder, equally at home riding to the café, office or nightclub. It's not clear if 'café' includes the one out in the sticks on the Sunday ride, but there's a suggestion that the shoe has serious performance potential thanks to 'revolutionary new micro-plate technology'. This means that any Transit-compatible, two-bolt SPD-style cleat is bolted to a small rigid nylon plate within the multi-layer sole structure.

The idea is to permit effective force transfer to the pedals while retaining the lengthwise flex needed for comfortable walking.

### Pros & cons

- + Slick styling
- + Tech-packed sole
- Spongy pedalling feel

The sole feels firmer than that of a non-reinforced training shoe but nothing like as stiff as that of a dedicated cycling shoe. There's a rubbery feel to the interface between shoe and pedal when clipped in that, while fine within the confines of the city, might pall on a long, hard ride.

While walking, the wearer will appreciate the grip afforded by the moulded rubber outsole, the cushioning of the chunky EVA midsole and the comfort of the textile lining. The 'luxury grade' leather upper has a padded mesh tongue under thick laces, and the fit of my size 45 test pair offered plenty of room for the toes and a snugly cossetting heel cup.

The cleat-fixing microplate does not intrude off the bike. Shimano SPD cleats, when fitted in place of the removable cover, do not click on the ground thanks to the deep recess.

The Transit is available in black and off-white colourways and in UK sizes 5.5-11. Weight is 1,000g per pair for size 45, including SPD cleats. ●

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### Other options



#### CHROME BROMLEY PRO £145

Vegan-friendly materials are used for this SPD-compatible sneaker, which is available in black only, with a gum sole.

[chromeindustries.com](https://chromeindustries.com)



#### SHIMANO GE7 SHOE £179.99

High performance downhill/enduro SPD shoe with 'skate-style' lace-closure upper. [freewheel.co.uk](https://freewheel.co.uk)

### Verdict

As a crossover city shoe at home both on pavements and pedals, the Transit works well – but even the most dedicated of urban cyclists might find themselves wearing their Transits on dry days only in an attempt to preserve those dandy looks.