



Left: The Condor Fratello is essentially a modern update of the classic clubman's bike
Below: External gear cables run under the down tube and BB



35x36mm on the hexagonal down tube and 33x24mm to 33x25mm on the rectangular top tube. The D-shaped Life down tube on the Mason morphs from 43x45mm to 45x43.5mm, and 35x30mm to 35x35mm on the top tube. The rear stays on the Condor are also slimmer, with extended sections of simple plate on both chainstays and a much thinner head tube than the Mason.

In terms of cosmetics, Condor offers five colours with reflective logo panels to Mason's three hues and more subtle but extensive graphics. Metal head badges and internal corrosion treatment are common to both bikes.

Components

Despite different groupsets from Campagnolo and SRAM, and variations in the Deda build kits, complete bike weights are similar enough to have a negligible outcome on performance.

Mason and Condor both let you choose the specification from a large range of options, so commenting on specific transmission and braking traits is largely irrelevant here. Interestingly, despite carbon rims, the Campagnolo Shamal wheels of the Condor are actually fractionally

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heavier than the alloy-rimmed Hunt Aerodynamicists (1,565g versus 1,585g). I swapped them over for part of the testing to isolate the effect of the wheels and different width and brand of tyre on the overall ride, just to be sure I'd levelled the playing field.

Ride

However level things look on the scales, the differences in ride between the Mason and Condor are immediate and clear. From the first pedal stroke the larger diameter tubes and bottom bracket of the Resolution 3 give it a firmer, more positive response to effort. The stouter fork and head tube give a more direct connection through the handlebar. Add a significantly slacker head tube (71.5° compared to 73.5°) longer trail (69mm versus 55mm) and a longer wheelbase (1020mm versus 997mm), it's obviously more stable and surefooted in its stance.

I found that reassuring and was a lot more confident carrying speed as a result. Less front-end flop and →

Tech spec

Condor Fratello Disc Campagnolo Chorus Hydro

- Price:** £4,279.99 as tested (£1,449.99 frame & fork).
- Sizes:** 46, 49, 52, 55 (tested) 58, 61, 64cm.
- Weight:** 9.67kg (21.31lb), including guards but without pedals.
- Frame & fork:** Columbus Spirit triple-butted steel frame with external cable routing, two bottle cage mounts, flat-mount disc, mudguard and four-point rear rack mounts. Condor Pioggia Disc full carbon monocoque fork with flat-mount disc, mudguard and internal disc hose and dynamo cable routing.
- Wheels:** 28-622 Hutchinson Blackbird tyre, Campagnolo Shamal Carbon wheels.
- Transmission:** Campagnolo Chorus Hydro 50-34t chainset, bottom bracket, chain, shifters, derailleurs and 11-34t cassette. 24 ratios, 27-122in.
- Braking:** Campagnolo Chorus Hydro disc brakes with 160mm rotors.
- Steering & seating:** Condor silicone bar tape, Deda Zero2 400mm aero handlebar, Deda Zero1 110mm stem, Deda headset. Deda Zero100 carbon seatpost, Flite seat clamp.
- Equipment:** Full-length SKS mudguards

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Dimensions in millimetres, and degrees

