



Javelin Cortina

At its best, a road ride feels like flying—fast, effortless and fluid. In this regard, Javelin's Cortina is more like a set of wings than a wheeled vehicle. We were impressed by the bike's ability to nearly levitate over choppy pavement and provide instant, powerful drivetrain response. The Cortina, designed in the United States and made in Italy, handled intuitively, with almost no gap between the rider's intent and the bike's movement. Last year's winner, the Crumpton SL Road, made by Nick Crumpton, in Texas, shined again with its speedy, luxurious feel—as if it were the love child of a Ferrari and a Lexus. And the Cyfac Absolu felt ultralight, ultrasmooth and ultrafast, a modern classic from a storied French racing brand. **WEIGHT:** 13.69 lb. (55cm) **PRICE:** \$11,000 (frame, fork and headset); \$15,950 as built **SIZES:** 50, 53, 55 (tested) and 60cm; custom **SPEC HIGHLIGHTS:** Kevlar-impregnated corrugated honeycomb carbon fiber; integrated headset; SRAM Red components; Mavic Ksyrium Premium wheels **INFO:** javbike.com



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Crumpton SL

Road **WEIGHT:** 14.44 lb. (54cm) **PRICE:** \$4,800 frame and fork; \$7,900 as tested **SIZES:** Custom **SPEC HIGHLIGHTS:** Full custom geometry; Edge carbon-fiber fork; SRAM Red components; Zipp Team wheels **INFO:** crumptoncycles.com



Cyfac Absolu

WEIGHT: 14.06 lb. (M) **PRICE:** \$4,980 stock (frame, fork, headset and cages); \$6,899, custom; approx. \$9,700 as built **SIZES:** XS, S, M (tested), L, XL; custom **SPEC HIGHLIGHTS:** Integrated seatpost and headset; BB30 option; SRAM Red components; Fulcrum Racing Zero 2-Way Fit wheels **INFO:** veloeuropa.com
* The three finalist bikes were built for our test group and not custom-built for an individual buyer, but each epitomizes the philosophy of the builder.

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