

A BIKE TO RIDE 30,000 KM





"SINCE IT FIRST POPPED UP IN MY MIND MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, **THIS PROJECT OBSESSES ME**. IT EMBODIES EVERYTHING I AM RIDING BIKES FOR. THE ADVENTURE, THE GAME OF RACING, THE CHALLENGE, ALL OF THAT THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL MACHINE THAT IS A BICYCLE, A TOOL FOR MOBILITY, WHETHER IT'S FOR MY DAILY JOB AS A MESSENGER OR TO RACE ACROSS THREE DIFFERENT CONTINENTS."

MARIN DE SAINT-EXUPERY



3 CONTINENTS

3 RACES

11 MONTHS

30,000 KM

A person with dark hair, wearing a red sweater, is seen from the back, looking at a large, unfolded map on a table. The map shows various geographical features and roads. Overlaid on the map is a list of travel destinations in bold yellow text, separated by white vertical bars. The destinations are: SWITZERLAND, MOROCCO, GREECE, KYRGYZSTAN, and SWITZERLAND.

SWITZERLAND

MOROCCO

GREECE

KYRGYZSTAN

SWITZERLAND

LEAVE SWITZERLAND - 1ST JAN 24
ATLAS MOUNTAIN RACE - 9TH FEB 24
HELLENIC MOUNTAIN RACE - 25TH MAY 24
SILK ROAD MOUNTAIN RACE - 17TH AUG 24
ARRIVE HOME - DEC 24



A man with dark, curly hair, wearing a red jacket, is focused on adjusting the front suspension of a bicycle. He is in a workshop setting, with wooden beams visible in the background. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting his face and the bike's components. The text 'SPECCKING A BIKE TO RIDE 30,000KM' is overlaid in large, bold, yellow capital letters.

SPECKING A BIKE TO RIDE 30,000KM



BUILD SPEC

Frame and fork

Frame - Fairlight Holt XL Desert
Fork - Fox 34 Elite FIT4 110mm

Groupset

Chainset - XT M8000 11-speed 52mm chainline
Chainring - XT 32T & 34T
Chain - XT Link Glide 11-speed
Cassette - XT Link Glide 11-speed 10-50
Derailleur - XT Link Glide 11-speed
Shifter - XT Link Glide 11-speed

Brakes

Brakes - XTR 4-pot
Front rotor - XTR 180mm centre-lock
Rear rotor - XTR 160mm centre-lock

Bearings

Headset - Chris King Inset 7 Black
Bottom bracket - Chris King T47 steel

Finishing kit

Seat clamp - Hope black
Handlebars - Truvativ Atmos Flat bar

Seatpost - Ritchey WCS 0mm offset 400mm 27.2mm
Dropper option (for Hellenic) - PNW Rainier 125mm
Stem - Ritchey WCS 90mm
Saddle - Brooks C13 carved
Grips - Ergon GA3
Aerobars - Profile Design

Wheels & Tyres

Wheels - Hunt Dynamo wheelset -Son 28 front hub
Tyre options (depending on race):
- Continental Race King 2.4"
- Vittoria Mezcal 2.35"
- Vittoria Barzo 2.35"

Lighting

Front light & charger - Sinewave Beacon
Tail light - Supernova E3 rear light

Frame packs & bags

Bottle cage - King Cage Ti bottle cages x 2
Bottle cage - King Cage Iris cage x 1 (under downtube)
Fork cages - Apidura Cargo cage x 2
Frame bag - Apidura custom
Top tube bag - Apidura prototype
Saddle pack - Apidura Expedition
Bar pack - Apidura prototype

Spares

- Chain x 7
- Cassette 11T cog x 2
- Cassette 13T cog x 2
- Cassette 15T cog x 2
- Chaining x 2
- Jockey wheels x 2
- Shifting cable sset x 3
- 160mm rotor x 2
- 180mm rotor x 2
- Brake pads x 18
- Chris King Silver Grease
- Derailleur hanger x 2
- Vittoria Mezcal x 4
- Vittoria Barzo x 2



BUILD SPEC NOTES

A close-up, low-angle shot of a bicycle's drivetrain. The chain is in sharp focus, running from the bottom bracket up towards the rear cassette. The background is blurred, showing parts of the bike frame and a person's leg in an orange garment.

Having run a full Shimano XTR drivetrain for previous seasons, Marin has opted to run an 11-speed Shimano XT Link Glide set-up for this trip. Link Glide is heavier but has significantly increased durability.

Marin is running a Chris King headset and bottom bracket for serviceability in the field. The bearings are designed to be serviced and to last a lifetime if looked after. He is carrying Chris King silver grease.

He is running a Fox 34 fork which a friend has taught him to service in the field.

He is running a 27.2mm rigid post for the Atlas Mountain Race and the Silk Road Mountain Race, and the journey between the races. At the Hellenic Mountain Race, he will opt to use a dropper post as there is some technical descending.

Marin has arranged for packages sent to various points on his journey containing the spare parts he needs such as chains, cassette cogs, rotors and new tyres.















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