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EDITORS' CHOICE



BEST DISC BRAKE
AVID JUICY7 \$227/WHEEL
 A superior combination of power and modulation.

BEST HYDRATION PACK
NOVARA BIG BUZZ \$65
 Has innovative features that set a new standard.



ACCESSORIES

▼ **BEST JACKET**

LOUIS GARNEAU GEMINI \$140
 Strategically placed WindDry wind-blocking fabric, mixed with highly breathable Micro-Airdry EX panels, stopped wind in all the right places while breathing well. "It helped me regulate temperature so well that I rarely got sweaty while climbing," said one tester. Everyone who used it commented on the tailored fit and thoughtful details such as full-sized rear pockets, front zip pockets and a two-way zipper. **SIZES: XS-XXL CONTACT:** louisgarneau.com **FINALISTS** ■ BIEMME DELAWARE \$155; trialtir-usa.com ■ SUGOI STEALTH \$115; sugoi.com

▼ **BEST HYDRATION PACK**

NOVARA BIG BUZZ \$65
 The Big Buzz's bite-valve magnet, which secures the hose to the shoulder strap, is such an intuitive innovation that one tester wondered "why no one thought of it sooner." Another loved the "convenient" zip pockets on the waist belt. Filling and cleaning the Nalgene reservoir is hassle-free, with its wide mouth and Quick Disconnect, which lets you

leave the hose snaked through the shoulder strap and remove just the reservoir. Bladder hooks keep your reservoir from jostling around on your back. **CONTACT:** novarabike.com **FINALISTS** ■ CAMELBAK M.U.L.E. \$80; camelbak.com ■ DEUTER RACE X AIR \$89; deuterusa.com

▼ **BEST WOMEN'S SADDLE**

SELLE SAN MARCO ASPIDE GLAMOUR \$90
 San Marco's new Aspide Glamour defines what a woman's road saddle should be: flexible but not cushy, supportive of a woman's typically wider sit bones while not robbing her of road feel, and as comfortable on hour five as it is in the first five minutes. Plus, it was the lightest in our test, and "has that Italian mystique." Riders felt in touch with the road in a way that they seldom had on a women's saddle: "The wide perch in back fit my sit bones comfortably, but the rest of the saddle simply disappeared beneath me." **WEIGHT:** 6.5 oz. **CONTACT:** velimpex.com **FINALISTS** ■ SPECIALIZED JETT \$100; specialized.com ■ TERRY FALCON X \$85; terrybicycles.com

▼ **BEST ROAD TIRE**

VITTORIA OPEN CORSA EVO CX \$59
 This tire feels like silk when you're gliding, glue when you're