

Wheels mounted by RCZ Bikes.

How do they behave?

When you buy such a lightweight and cheap set of wheels, it is inevitable indeed, to ask yourself on your first ride if you can trust on them or not. Actually, yes, you can. If we analyse their components, we see that the rims are the well-known No Tubes Crest for 29". No tubeless? That's a mistake. We installed a Bontrager kit and were able to make them tubeless without any difficulty; on the other hand, the rims being not that tall, you could think that they unseat easily by low pressure, especially with tubeless ready tires. But my 67 kg and I had no problem with that, even if I use to ride at 1.5 bars at the front and 1.7 at the back. The rim is very light, you notice that, and the weight is equal to some carbon wheels, without their rigidity of course. This is why when you push hard on the pedals while sprinting the wheels tend to bend a little. In compensation to that this little flexibility renders them very stable in technical situations, with a good feeling on the field. The spokes are high quality, DT Swiss Competition, a classic choice, so there's no problem for replacement. Regarding the hubs, they produce an enjoyable sound. Their sealed bearings are very effective, you don't need to make any maintenance to your hub before going for the ride.

For who are they?

Principally intended for a cyclist who's looking for lightweight wheels at low-price, medium quality and for front suspended, or full suspended 100/120mm travel bikes. For riders who like endurance, or who simply have a more trail-oriented bike, that may not be the best choice, because the width of the wheel is narrow. For their weight and constitution they suffer from twisting and high charges, in fact people weighting more than 85 kg will be upon the limit suggested by the manufacturer in order to guarantee a secure use, and will not be able to take benefit from the warranty.

What's missing?

We'd like a better design without stickers on the wheels, but we are aware that we can't ask more at that price. However, there's one thing we have the right to pretend, the Crest rim to be a real tubeless rim. If we want to transform it into tubeless, we have to install a conversion kit adding a few more precious grams.

Grade: 4/5

Technical details: Price : 299,99 Euros / Weight : 1,640 gr / Colour : Black / Rims : ZTR Crest 2014 for disc. 24,4 mm external width, 21 mm internal and 15,8 depth. / Spokes : 32 aluminium spokes DT Swiss Competition / Hubs : 2 spokes, with aluminium body and sealed bearings for frontal axle 9-15 * 100 mm and back 12*142 mm / Compatible : 9 /10 speed cassette for Shimano / SRAM and SRAM XD 11 speed. / Distributor: RCZ Bikes / Web : www.rczbikeshop.com