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For all those who love the challenge, like to push their own abilities and equipment to the limit, and want to pit themselves against the best on the most technical trails and the toughest race tracks. BERGAMONT Sport models: for exercise addicts, freedom-lovers, edge-livers and adrenaline junkies.



EDITORIAL



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keep it real!!

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To have a custom bike, you can take all your parts to your local bike store and let them build up for you. Or you can assemble the bike yourself. It takes two hands and sometime more hands, and some view special tools! But it is quite fun to do it yourself.

The Super 8 Enduro race in Taiwan gains more and more popularity every year! They build up a good scene there! We take you there to the race, which was held for the 7th year in row!

Scott Sports India is building up something new again, they will never stop! This time they bring you the German bike brand Bergamont to India. Let us show you the bike they will launch in 2017!

We wish you all the best for the year 2017, we hope you will have good adventures with or without the bike during the year! We hope also you can find some new trails, or build some new ones and that you can build up your ridings skills!

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There are two possible ways to get a new bike, one is getting it at a store or buy a second-hand ready built-up bike. Once you get the bike, you are ready to go, you probably must do some small adjustment, like for the saddle, handlebar and brake levers. The other way is getting every part of the bike itself, and build it up from there. The advantage is you can have whatever you like to have, and have a custom bike in the end! This is exactly what we show you in this issue. How to build up your own custom bike.

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FRAME: Transition Patrol (Alloy)

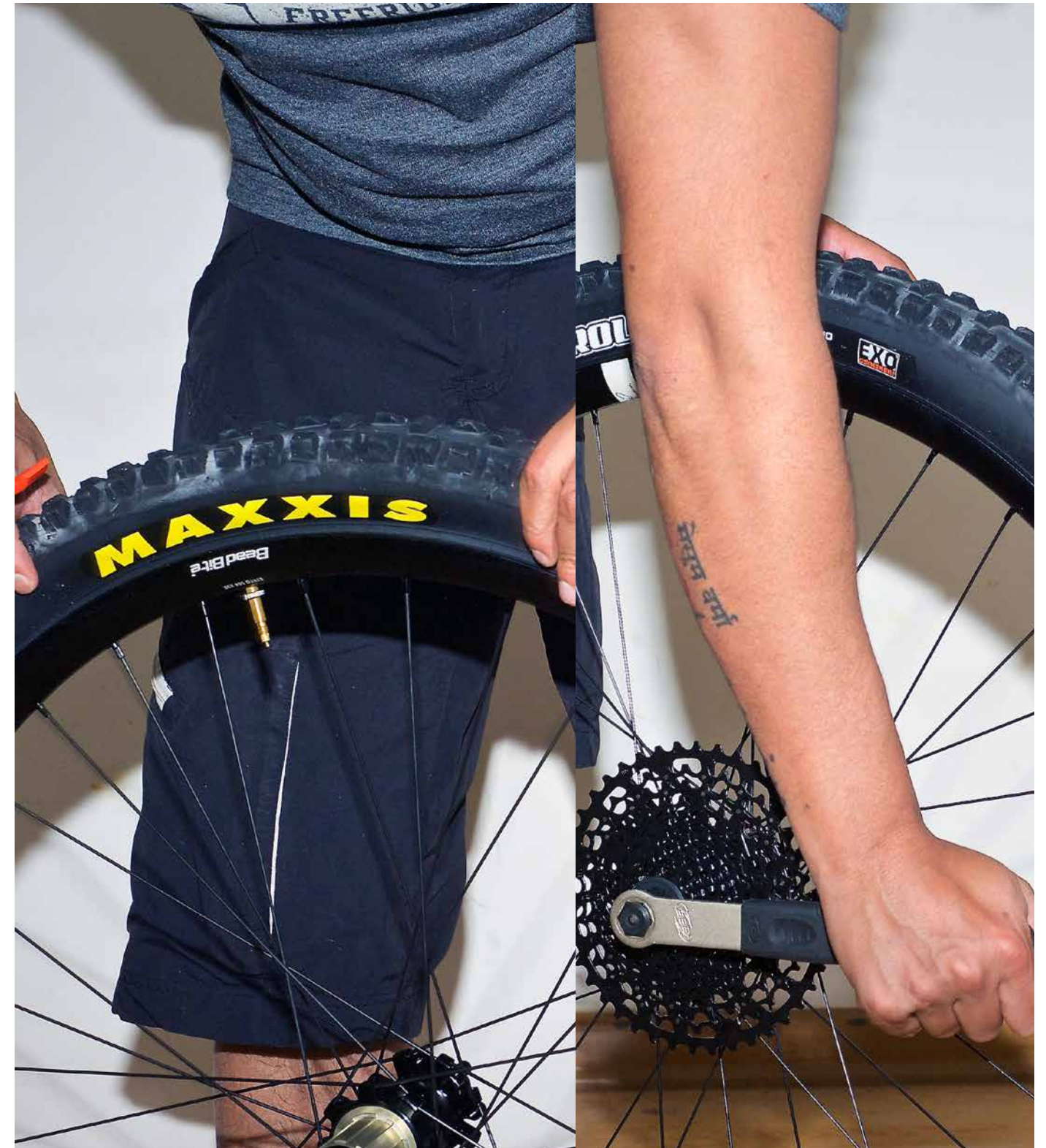
The critically acclaimed Patrol gives you the control of a downhill bike perfectly balanced with a lively and jumpy personality for a comfortable, efficient and fun ride in any trail condition. The Patrol is long and low with a slack 65 degree head angle and big wheelbase for tremendous stability in rowdy terrain. But don't let the numbers fool you; the short 430mm chainstay and 155mm of active and carefully tuned suspension keep you in touch with the ground and ready to respond at a moment's notice. With the Patrol you get big mountain confidence with trail bike agility in the same machine. See for yourself why reviewers call it one the best bikes they have ever ridden and are very reluctant to send it back to us.



If you don't want to step into a store, you need all the tools at home. Some special tools, like for fitting the head tube cups, are needed. Or to get the bottom bracket (BB) in. Also for the cassette you need a special tool.

- Tire levers
- Allen key set
- Torx key set
- knife
- BB tool
- headset press
- tube cutter
- grease
- cassette tool

Before really starting, we prepare everything to get ready for mounting on the bike. Get the tyre, discs on the wheels, also the cassette. Cut the steerer tube of the fork to the exact length you want. We use 3 spacers, one 10mm under the stem, and a 10mm and 5mm spacer above the stem.



First we show all the parts we got for Bike.



SHOCK: Vector Air HLR (AM/FR/DH)

- 430 gram weight (half the weight of a coil shock)
- Lighter than all competition's DH specific air shocks
- Same features and benefits as race-winning Vector HLR coil
- Oversized CNC-machined aluminum 31.5mm damper body for consistent damping.
- Bored, reduced air canister wall thickness provided 40% greater cooling surface.

FORK: Sweep RC HLR (AM/END) 27.5"

The heart of the Roughcut HLR damper is the single wall bladder system that completely separates the oil in the damper from air outside the cartridge. Eliminating mixing of air and oil means that consistent fade-free damping because there is no chance for oil cavitation or foaming. We also have a new piston design, with the shims positioned on a raised platform. This helps assist initial activation of the shims because the mating surface area of the piston and shims is reduced so the moment of inertia is also reduced.

- H: High speed compression damping, 16 clicks
- L: Low speed compression damping, 16 clicks
- R: Rebound damping adjustment, 36 clicks
- Roughcut HLR damper with high and low speed compression adjust
- LockX 15mm toolless axle system
- Dedicated offset for 27.5
- Brake housing guides

COCKPIT: SPIKE 800 Race Bar & SPIKE Race Stem

A unique construction of Super 6™ alloy, processed with SPANK's patented CNC bending and Dual-Extreme-Gradual Taper (XGT) technology makes the SPIKE 800 Race handlebar a stronger, safer, performance optimized component for the weight conscious gravity rider. The race tuned geometry and competitive weight make this bar the perfect solution for AM/Enduro to Downhill Race.

WHEEL: OOZY Trail 345 Wheelset

Up your width... up your traction... up your stoke! SPANK Industries' OOZY Trail 345 Wheelset is hand built and trued to industry leading standards. 32H straight pull OOZY Trail Hubs offer increased engagement and adaptability, and utilize unique over-sized SSL (single spoke length) flanges to improve contact and support between spokes, delivering enhanced stiffness, durability, and spoke torque retention. Laced with Spank's 30mm internal width OOZY Trail 345 Rims, the OOZY Trail 345 Wheelset combines the strength and rigidity of SPANK's patented Oohbah™ reverse-well rim profile with the unparalleled tubeless performance of Bead Bite™ anti-burp rim hooks.

PEDAL: OOZY Trail Pedals

Everything you've come to expect from your favourite flats, in a trail optimized package. Featuring the same ultra thin 12mm forged alloy bodies, forged hollow taper axles, and sealed bearing/IGUS bushing assembly, OOZY Pedals are trail tuned at SPANK Industries' state of the art CNC machining facility to optimize weight. Chamfered leading edges deflect impact forces, while an industrial grade axle assembly means no compromise to the ultimate strength and durability SPANK pedals are famous for.



SPANK



SADDLE: I-Fly 2.0 Shibuya | I-Beam

- Light, strong and technologically advanced with minimalistic designs.
- Flat-Forward Platform: Allows ease of movement on the saddle
- Rear Buzz-Cut: Provides extra tire clearance/Lowered Profile Nylon Glass Fiber Base
- Light-Weight EVA Foam / 2pc Cover with Kevlar Sides
- I-Beam Technology: Original monorail design, offering the greatest adjustment capabilities with the lightest weight to strength performance in the industry

SEAT - POST: Alloy Micro | I-Beam Post

These revolutionary post designs come equipped with a single bolt on the clamps, which allows for a quick and easy installation and adjustments on the fly. The I-Beam System has the widest range of fore/aft and tilt adjustments in the industry and comprised of cold forged 2014 Alloy head and clamps. All SDG I-Beam seat posts are built for strength and functionality, while maintaining weight to a minimum.

- Compatible with I-Beam saddles only. -1 Bolt Design, Micro Adjustment
- Cold Forged Alloy Head and Clamp. - Hard Anodized Alloy Tube with Machined Finish

GRIPS: SDG / ODI Lock-On Grips

- Made in USA - Collaboration with ODI – the market leader in Lock-on Grip Technology
- Ergonomically ramped and undercut grabbers for superior grip on fingers
- Circular iconic dampeners absorb shock and spread pressure evenly across palm while providing additional traction
- Patented for 100% slip-free performance

DRIVE - TRAIN:

SRAM NX - START WITH ONE

It's how you start that matters. Whether you're discovering the mountain for the first time or you're an MTB lifer searching for a no-nonsense, no-worries 1x drivetrain, SRAM NX is ready for action and ready to take you there. NX brings you a wide range of gear choices engineered for simplicity and durability, so you can focus on what matters most — the ride ahead. German engineered and proudly bearing the SRAM 1x™ stamp of approval, NX is ready to let the world know what real riding feels like. START NEW. START RIGHT. START WITH SRAM NX.

BRAKE:

SRAM Guide RSC

The new SRAM Guide RSC is packed with ride-enhancing performance that makes every new trail a trusted old friend. We started from scratch, to create the perfect combination of braking reliability and control. Brand-new SwingLink™ technology provides more power, silky-smooth modulation, less deadband and better lever-feel than you've ever experienced. Steep-line confidence. Deep-corner dominance. Ride every trail like you own it. KNOW YOU CAN. Now featuring the World Championship-winning S4 caliper with Bleeding Edge™ and Heat Shield technologies.



The first step is to get the head tube cups into the head tube. The bike has the cables inside the frame, before anything else gets installed, we did this first. It's a bit tricky, because the back brake cable (oil) must be go through too! For that you need to remove the cable from the brake lever. Be careful on that, as the brake oil will get out. Put the oil in a canister to use it later, or at least to not have it all on the floor and everywhere. Both cables went in easily, we even had no cable in the down tube to get the other cables in. The shifter and brake cable are now in. Later, once we get the X-Fusion seat dropper, we must put the cable in too, but we could not getting so fast we are getting ahead of ourselves. After the cables are in, we install the brake lever back to the cable. We show you in the next issue how to bleed the brake then, as now, there is no pressure in the brake system anymore.





We fix the cable just a little bit with plastic cable straps, not tightening it fully, which will be the step in the next issue, „get dialed,“ to make the bike ready for the trails. As we use 203mm disc rotors, we install the 40mm spacer from SRAM for the back brake caliper. Check what spacer you need, as every different size of rotors and brand use different spacers (most bike brands come with 160mm post, same for the forks). The derailleur is installed too, the cable not inside yet.

Next step, we install the BB, then the shock, and right after that the crankset.

After we get the back wheel on and the chain, we lower the stand, so that we can more easily work on the front of the bike.





For now, we assemble the bike with a seat post, and use the i-beam system from sdg components with the iFly 2.0 saddle. Later we will change this to a X-fusion seat dropper and a saddle with rails.





The next step is to put the fork in it, assemble the whole head set with stem and also then the handlebar. On the handlebar first we install the shifter and get the cable into the derailleur. The last step is to put the brakes levers onto the handlebar, so also the grips, and then the front wheel.



The bike is now fully built up! But there are still many steps to do, we will show you in the next issue „get dialed“ to make the bike ready to shred!! Now there is NO „Ride on“!!





SCOTT Sports India launches
for Indian Consumers this January.

Bergamont Bicycles



SCOTT Sports India, the Indian arm of the globally recognized multisport company **SCOTT Sports**, launches German bicycle brand **Bergamont** in January 2017 for their Indian Consumers.

Bergamont Bicycles, a young German brand started in the year 1993. It started as a small Bike Shop in St. Pauli located in Hamburg and is now a Global Bicycle Brand. **Bergamont Bicycles**, offers a complete product range of kids bikes, city and trekking bikes, mountain bikes, E-Bikes, road bikes and cyclocross bikes.

Bergamont Sport models are targeted towards people from all walks of life and with varying needs- be it the everyday office-goer, weekend explorer, cross country mountain biker, etc. Bergamont brand position themselves tough made for everyone but not for all. Bergamont Bikes are known to be reliable, smooth, ergonomic, and solid bikes for commuters, cruisers, wanderers, tourers, and explorers and offer a high value to the buyer.

***Jaymin Shah, Country Manager-
SCOTT SPORTS INDIA says-***

“SCOTT SPORTS acquired the Bergamont Brand in 2015. The Indian business has been growing from strength to strength and we welcome the addition of Bergamont to our Brand portfolio in India. In addition to the global offering of Bergamont we are also bringing our “Made for India” program to the Bergamont brand. With this program, we become the only bike business in India to offer bike models under SCOTT and Bergamont product range specifically suited to Indian cyclists.





In India, Bergamont bicycles range will consist of city, urban & trekking bikes along with few mountain bikes targeting the urban riders for active & healthy lifestyle. Bergamont bicycle range offers #Made for India bikes which are specially designed after careful study of the cycling culture & trends in the Indian market. The intention is to develop & make available a country specific product to match the needs of the Indian Consumer.

The Bergamont range of the MTBs will include the Revox, Roxter and Vitox which will cover the 3 wheel sizes- 29"/27.5" and 26" respectively. There will be a #MadeForIndia model in each of the 3 wheel sizes. Bergamont Mountain Bikes will cater to the new-age mountain biker who would like to explore trails over the weekends.

Revox & Roxter series are equipped with 24 speed Shimano drive train and Tektro Mech. disc brakes which is agile, fast, aggressive, precise, and comfortable. The new and smart internal cable routing makes them look even more graceful and elegant. This bike comes with an easy-going geometry that leads to a comfortable ride. When you first get on the bike you will feel immediately at home and very soon after that the imminent urge to push forward.

The Bergamont range of the Hybrids/Trekking bikes will include the Helix series of models. The Helix series will consist of a mix of rigid fork and suspension fork hybrids specially designed to suit the varying needs of the Indian consumers at different price-points. The Helix series will also have the #Made for India models in their range offer in India.

Prices of the Bergamont bicycle range start at INR 23,000/- and go up to INR 75,000/-





真級八 SUPER 8 ENDURO RACE

The annual Super 8 Enduro Race has become the most important mountain bike event in Taiwan.

Taking the opportunity of a business trip to Taiwan, I participated in the most well-known mountain bike race — Super 8 Enduro Race, which marks the seventh anniversary of the event this year. The first four sessions of the race adopted a competition system of eight hours of endurance racing, and the recent three sessions used sub-station time trials that were similar to international Enduro races.





the dressers having fun on the stage

Now let me explain this special race with my pictures. Firstly, the track. It had three substations. Of these, two are opened in the morning and one is opened in the afternoon. They are named Track A, Track B and Track C. Every year the routes change somewhat. This year, the middle section of Track A was a winding single-track. Track B went through a forest with terrain full of ups and downs, so as to test riders' basic skill of moving their center of gravity. Track C was filled with huge pebbles. With increasing speed, it imposed a true test on the bicycle's quality.

a contestant finished a route with his daughter in this way

Except for the track, the event venue was full of constant joy. At about 10 o'clock , a barbecue and a beer car slowly drove into the main venue and at 10:30 two long queues formed in front of the two cars. Drinking and eating happily is one of the main features of this event. Apart from encouraging participants to merrily eat and drink, we also witnessed many people wandering with a bottle of beer talking with people who they only meet once in a while / year. Some got a little too merry, but found the grass sufficiently comfortable to take a well deserved rest. Others were thrilled with excitement and expressed their feeling of joy with respect to the forthcoming race at the top of their lungs before embarking on a safe and smooth journey!





Mike from SPANK in race modus

Since riders registered in the morning, we constantly saw them in fancy dresses. They didn't just wear odd clothes, but also competed in them. Since inception, the race has a fancy dress group competing and their prizes are comparatively fancier, too. One rider has never missed any race for the past six sessions. Because of his astonishing dressing, people there were crazy about taking pictures with him, just like he was the model of the event. It's a pity that he was absent this time. However, the organizer still invited him to dress up for the race, took a picture and turned it into a cut out.

Chiang Sheng Shan “Dan” attended the race too

At 3:00 p.m., contestants gradually completed riding on the final track. As the final performance was rated, companies' booths did not waste time and engaged riders many interesting interactive games. Take Xforce, they designed a water gun game to show riders the excellent water repelling functionality of Xforce glasses — participants were required to use water guns to shoot others' glasses, then took them off and tried to blow off any water drops, simulating drops being blown off by wind while cycling. While participants' faces were full of water, they also tried their best to blow at the glasses, it was great fun.



whenever seeing this swan, everyone burst into laughter



The final results came out. There was no doubt that Dan ranked first of men's group and Zhou Peini, a Taiwan's female downhill master, became the winner of women's group. The champion of the dressing up group was awarded the largest award—the frame set provided by Taokas. I really couldn't understand this race!

the tyrannosaurus is coming, run run!

After joining in Super 8 Enduro Race, I realized cycling activities do not seem to have to take score as the ultimate goal, but can make all contestants feel happy and cheerful. Such arrangements can be welcomed by much more people, as not all people are heroes, but it is not difficult to make everyone happy. I really admire that Taiwan has such kind of race that develops its own routes and creates its mountain bike culture in its own style.





could one perform normally after drinking too much?

After the race was finished, my Taiwanese friends sent me a lot of photos, helping me realize the ingenuity and intention of the organizers. This is a picture in which I was chased by a Tyrannosaurus. I did not notice this inflatable Tyrannosaurus when riding on the track. Indeed, it was placed here so that the photographer arranged by the organizer can take pictures for every rider of this interesting moment.

I really hope such a mountain bike activity can be organized in Mainland China as well

Different from other races that people leave as soon as racing finishes, this event let more than 70% people remain until the last second.



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