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# Do you live and work in Washington State?

## Hey, so do we!

Recently, a customer sent me a long email of suggestions about how to even better serve our customers. His expertise was obviously in customer service, so I read his suggestions thoroughly. He had some very good ideas.

One thing that surprised me was that he said that he didn't know that we made Rodriguez bicycles right here inside R+E Cycles until he had visited a few times, and someone finally mentioned it. He loved the tour of the frame shop, and the fact that he was meeting the people that would be welding the frame together, as well as painting and assembling his bike.

One thing about us here at R+E Cycles, we are proud of the fact that we build our own bicycles. Our shop has been doing this for so long, I just figured that everybody knew that... obviously I was wrong.

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### You'll get something more with a Rodriguez

At R+E Cycles, you'll get more than just a fantastic value on a hand built bike, you'll have a completely unique experience. All you have to do is ask, and you'll meet Dennis, the master frame builder, who's busy at work building frames here at R+E Cycles. Not many shops can introduce you to the person that will build your new frame.

Another popular person here is Teresa. Teresa paints all of the Rodriguez bikes, and it is common place to meet with her if you're going to design a custom paint job.

These are certainly things that you won't find at your standard bike shop.

### A bicycle manufacturer with a personal touch

We're different than other manufacturers. At R+E Cycles, you are closer to the creation of your new bicycle than is possible anywhere else. Everyone's body is different, and so are their personalities. Fitting your bike to your body as well as your personality is what we've been doing for over 30 years now. From the fitting process, to final assembly, your creation never leaves this building. You can visit it any time you like, even during construction or final assembly.

If you like what we've done creating your new bike, we also offer a full service department. Our service department is more than just a standard service department, it's the same service department that assembled your new bike. What's better than having the same people who made your new bike, service your new bike?

### Family history

Our favorite part though, is our customers. On any given day, it's like a family reunion here in the shop. Our customers seem more like family to us. They come in just to say hi, get advice, or buy a cup of coffee at our coffee shop. When we hire a new employee, they are always surprised by this. I don't why this is, but we know that we have the best customer in the world!

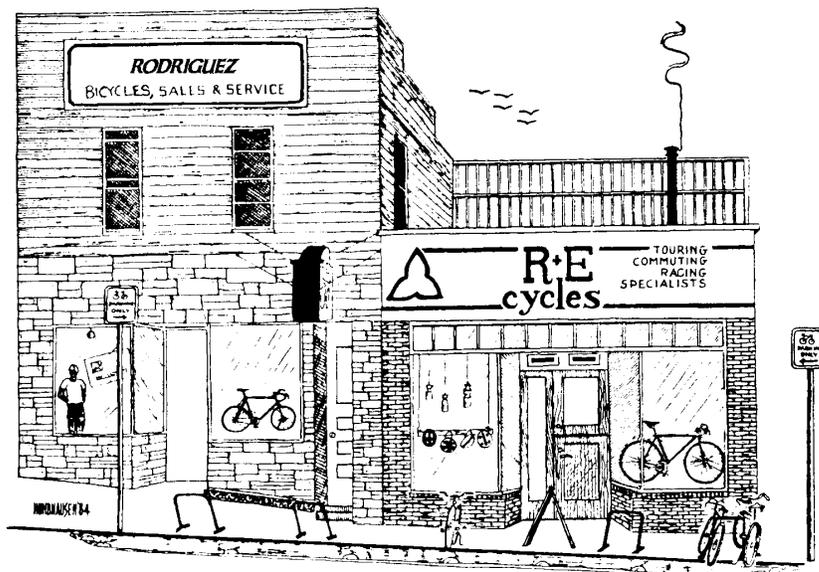
# Why buy a bike?

## When you can buy a bike shop?

"Buy a shop? Me?" You ask. Yes, you. That's the best advice that you can get when you are shopping for a bicycle. What it means is the difference between shops is greater than the difference in bike brands. So, what you are actually buying when you buy a bicycle is a relationship with that bike shop.

At a good shop, you'll get lots of attention to how your bike will fit, and good advice from staff that listens to your concerns. You'll find educational seminars, good educational materials, and long term staff members in every department.

These are just a few of the things that you'll find here at R+E Cycles. When you buy from us, you're buying the whole shop.



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# WOMEN'S SPECIFIC DESIGN? OR JUST WOMEN'S SPECIFIC MARKETING?



What is Women's specific design? It's the new buzz word...WSD for short. You see, over the last few years, some big bike manufacturers have figured out that women buy bicycles too, and began marketing campaigns to bring women into the sport. Well, at our company making bikes to fit women is nothing new. To us, Women's Specific Design is more than a color catalog with pictures of women riding bicycles. As you browse the pages of our catalog you'll see that all of our models of bicycles have a women's version and a man's version.

There is a difference between Women's Specific Design, and Women's Specific Marketing. Although a lot of these companies are doing a superb job of marketing their WSD bikes, some of them need a little more work on the 'Design' aspect. Most of them are just making their WSD bikes smaller. We see them everyday in the shop with their owner's bringing them in for fitting in our shop. Fitting bikes to women is nothing new here at Rodriguez, you see, we've been building custom WSD bikes for decades. Since 1996, we've been building our own line of WSD production bikes as well.

## THE STORY OF THE STELLAR

A few years ago, Time magazine ran a cover article titled 'Men and Women are born different'. "No kidding," I thought, "why can't the bicycle industry figure that out?" Women have always been expected to adapt to bikes that are designed for men, which means that the handle bars are too wide (men usually have broader shoulders), the reach to the bars is too long (men have their height in their torsos, while most women have their height in their legs), and the bars are too low (men generally have longer arms). The way that the men's bikes were manufactured made these bikes difficult, if not impossible, to adjust to fit women comfortably. We tried talking with all of our bicycle vendors to try and address this issue, but to no avail. So, in 1996, we took on the monumental task of designing a line of bicycles specifically for women. As a custom bike builder, we have a database of over 40,000 people that we have measured for bicycles over the decades. We used only the women's measurements and the design we came up with was radically different than a men's bike.

The resulting effort was the Rodriguez Stellar line of bicycles. The Stellar is much different than other bicycles on the market.

- We were building custom bicycles for decades before we developed the Stellar line. Designing and building bicycle frames around our customers needs is what we do. We bring this experience to the design of our Stellar bicycles.

- We are currently the only dealer for the Stellar, as well as the manufacturer. This uniquely enables us to interact directly with you to ensure that every aspect of your new Stellar is just what you want....right down to the color.

- While imitation is a form a flattery, innovation is the true strength Rodriguez Stellar. Others are trying, but so far, they've managed to build smaller men's bikes. The top tubes are still too long, the bars are still too wide, and we're still having difficulty fitting them to women. Rest assured the Stellar, and the folks at R+E Cycles, are still the best choice if you want the most comfortable, lightest weight, best performing women's bike on the planet!



You can read lots more Stellar success stories on our 'Scrapbook' section of our website.

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Sizes Available - XS, S, M, L frame specs on page 8

If you're looking for a great fitting, comfortable yet quick riding bike, the Stellar Sport is for you. Made from light weight Double Butted Cro-moly tubing, the Stellar Sport was our first, and remains our best selling Stellar. This bike is perfect for getting into shape, or doing triathlons, organized rides, commuting, or just havin' fun.

It comes equipped in 3 different component packages from **\$999 to \$1,599**

<u>The Sport Specs</u>	<u>Stellar Sport Classic</u>	<u>Stellar Sport Sora</u>	<u>Stellar Sport Campy</u>
Price	\$999.99	\$1,299.99	\$1,599.99
Frame	Double butted Cro-moly	Double butted Cro-moly	Double butted Cro-moly
Fork	Cro-Moly	Cro-Moly	Carbon Fiber
Derailleurs	Shimano Triple	Shimano Triple	Campagnolo Mirage Triple
Shift Levers	Ultegra Bar-end	Sora STI	Campagnolo Mirage Ergo
Brake Levers	Shimano Aero	Sora STI	Campagnolo Mirage Ergo
Brakes	Alloy Dual Pivot	Alloy Dual Pivot	Alloy Dual Pivot
Cranks	Triple Alloy 170mm	Sora Triple 170mm	Campagnolo Xenon Triple
Hubs	Shimano Sora	Shimano Sora	Formula 9-Speed
Seat	Velo Women's	Velo Women's	Velo Women's
<u>Available Upgrades</u>			
Carbon Seat Post	\$55	\$55	\$55
Carbon Fork	\$175	\$175	Included
Spartacus Racing Wheels	\$150	\$150	\$150
Custom Paint Color	\$200	\$200	\$200
Veloce Levers	N/A	N/A	\$175
Custom Frame Size	\$250	\$250	\$250



Also available with upright bars at \$1299.99

Visit us online at [www.rodcycle.com](http://www.rodcycle.com) for more information on the Rodriguez Stellar bicycles for women.

# WOMEN'S

# TOURING/COMMUTING



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Touring bikes have been a favorite for the Rodriguez customer for 30 years. With braze-ons for front and rear racks, powerful cantilever brakes, clearance for fenders and wide stable tires, the Stellar Tour is the first real touring bike specifically designed to fit women. Whether you are planning a long tour, or commuting to and from work, this bike will give you years of comfortable, reliable service.

It comes equipped in 3 different component packages from **\$1,099 to \$1,699**

<u>The Tour Specs</u>	<u>Stellar Tour Classic</u>	<u>Stellar Tour Sora</u>	<u>Stellar Tour Campy</u>
Price	\$1,099.99	\$1,399.99	\$1,699.99
Frame/Fork	Double butted Cro-moly	Double butted Cro-moly	Double butted Cro-moly
Derailleurs	Shimano Triple	Shimano Triple	Campagnolo Mirage Triple
Shift Levers	Ultegra Bar-end	Sora STI	Campagnolo Mirage Ergo
Brake Levers	Shimano Aero	Sora STI	Campagnolo Mirage Ergo
Brakes	Cantilever	Cantilever	Cantilever
Cranks	Triple Alloy 170mm	Triple Alloy 170mm	Triple Alloy 170mm
Hubs	Shimano Sora	Shimano Sora	Formula/Veloce 9-Speed
Seat	Velo Women's	Velo Women's	Velo Women's
<u>Available Upgrades</u>			
Carbon Seat Post	\$55	\$55	\$55
Custom Paint Color	\$200	\$200	\$200
Veloce Levers	N/A	N/A	\$175
Custom Frame Size	\$250	\$250	\$250
Phil Wood Hubs	\$375	\$375	\$375
Phil Wood Bottom Bracket	\$125	\$125	\$125



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# WOMEN'S

# SPORT/RACING



Sizes Available - XS, S, M, L frame specs on page 8

Our Stellar SL is the leader of the pack. Again, the heart of this bike is its great fit. It is enhanced by using OX Platinum tubing- the lightest strongest tubing, a carbon fiber fork and seat post, Velocity Spartucus racing wheels and a stunning paint job. Since the Stellar is designed and made in the Northwest, we've taken into consideration the challenging hills. You can select to outfit your Stellar Race with either a double or a triple crankset. Fast and comfortable, you can race it or just ride it fast.

**\$2,199**

### The Specs

The Specs	Stellar SL
Price	\$2,199.99
Frame	OX Platinum
Fork	Carbon Fiber
Derailleurs	Campagnolo Veloce
Shift/Brake Levers	Campagnolo Veloce
Brakes	Alloy Dual Pivot
Cranks	Triple Alloy 170mm
Hubs	Formula Racing 9-speed
Seat	Serfas Curva Women's
Seat Post	Carbon Fiber

### Available Upgrades

Custom Paint Color	\$175
Carbon Fiber Bars/Stem	\$220
Custom Frame Size	\$250
Carbon Fiber Bars/Stem	\$220
Carbon Fiber Cranks	\$250
Phil Titanium Bottom Bracket	\$250

## Stellar Frame/Fork Sets

If you already have a new bike, but it doesn't fit you well, remember all of our Rodriguez Stellars are available as a frame/fork set.



Stellar Sport Frame with Cro-Moly Fork	\$700
Stellar Sport Frame with Carbon Fork	\$820
Stellar Tour Frame with Cro-Moly Fork	\$895
Stellar SL Frame with Carbon Fork	\$1,195
Stellar S3 Frame with Carbon/Carbon Fork	\$1,595

## AAAAHH..... The Feel of Steel

Richard Schwinn once said "If all bicycles were made from aluminum, titanium, and carbon fiber, then someone invented steel, it would be hailed as a 'miracle material'".

He couldn't have been more correct. Steel is lighter weight, less expensive, easier to repair if need be, and much more versatile than the space age materials. Ever notice how other bike companies all compare the ride of their bike to a 'high-end steel' frame? This is because of the superior riding characteristics of the classic steel frames. The Stellar SL is built from True Temper OX Platinum steel tubing right here in Seattle, USA.



## WOMEN'S

# STELLAR FRAME SPECIFICATIONS

Size	Seat Tube	Top Tube	Standover	Crank Arms
XS	46cm ctr. to top	48cm ctr. to ctr.	70.5cm	170mm
S	49cm ctr. to top	49.2cm ctr. to ctr.	72.0cm	170mm
M	51cm ctr. to top	50.5cm ctr. to ctr.	73.2cm	170mm
L	54cm ctr. to top	52.7cm ctr. to ctr.	74.5cm	170mm



Heather with 'Lucille'  
Victory Lift!  
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## Impossible just takes longer

Whatever you're need, here at Rodriguez we can build a bike for you.

Whether you're an everyday commuter, fair weather rider or a professional racer, we can create that new best friend.

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Princess Karen waiting for the.....  
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## WOMEN'S

## HIGH PERFORMANCE



Built to order  
 Sizes Available - XS, S, M, L frame specs on page 8

New for 2005 is our built to order, S3 steel bike that we call the Stellar S3. We build the Stellar S3 custom to order just for you. You can choose your own paint colors and design.

It comes complete with Campagnolo Carbon Chorus componentry. Just read what our customers are saying about the S3 bikes on our web site [www.rodcycle.com](http://www.rodcycle.com)

**\$3,999**



The Specs	Stellar S3
Price	\$3,999
Frame	S3 Steel
Fork	Carbon/Carbon Profile
Derailleurs	Chorus Carbon
Shift/Brake Levers	Chorus Carbon
Brakes	Chorus
Cranks	FSA Compact Carbon
Hubs	Formula Racing 10-speed
Seat	Fizik Vitesse

### Ultra-lights from Rodriguez Bicycles!

Stacia (a very serious triathlete and professional Tri coach) came to us and wanted us to build 2 Rodriguez frames for her. She wanted one for road riding, and one for race day. She wanted them both to be made from the lightest weight frame materials available (that are still sturdy enough to ride). We came up with a design for the first bike made from Easton Scandium aluminum with a carbon fiber rear triangle, and the frame came in at 2.2 lbs (that translates to really @#\$%^ light!).

Since we were going to build 2 bikes for her, Scott suggested that we build the second bike with the new S3 Steel from True Temper. He said that it would be as light as the first bike. I love steel bikes myself, but I didn't see how we could possibly build a steel frame at 2.2 lbs. The challenge was out, and Stacia said that it would be for us to try. Well, yesterday the frame was finished, and it weighed in at a stunner! Here are the pictures of the 2 frames side by side. Now you can have the durability of steel, and still have the lightest frame on the market!

You can read what Stacia had to say after she took 10 minutes off her 1/2 Ironman spin in her first race on the new S3. Just visit the website scrapbook.

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Stacia's Scandium/Carbon bike. Stacia's S3 is pictured above.

# BUY REALLY LOCAL!

## These bikes are Hand-Crafted in Seattle, U.S.A.

These affordable Rodriguez production and custom bikes are carefully hand built, every step done by hand, by humans, here at R+E CYCLES. We carefully design the angles and lengths for each size of bike. One at a time, the tubes are cut with precision care. Each weld is hand done by a master welder.

The bicycle is assembled by a professional mechanic - even the wheels are hand built! Every process is done by a human. Not one of the steps is done by an automated machine. And when you purchase from us, we make sure your new bike fits you perfect! After all, a good fit is the key to enjoying your new bicycle.

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with a lifetime guarantee. We invite you to stop by the shop, and meet the folks here at R+E Cycles who design, build, and paint Rodriguez Bicycles.



Bruce and his Rodriguez visit the land that time forgot  
Read more at [www.rodcycle.com](http://www.rodcycle.com)

## MEN'S

## SPORT/FITNESS

You just want a comfortable riding bike for doing STP, a few entry level triathlons, or some weekend club rides, but everyone's trying to sell you an aluminum bridge truss? The Rodriguez Arrow Sport features double butted True Temper Verus Cro-moly tubing which provides a classic light weight 'steel feel'.

We include Campagnolo Mirage equipment with a triple crankset, and handbuilt wheels with a 3-year warranty. It's a comfortable, versatile bike that is perfect for a full day's ride.

# \$1,699



Sizes Available - 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61

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The Specs	Arrow Sport
Frame	Verus Butted Cro-moly
Fork	Cro-moly
Derailleurs	Campagnolo Mirage
Shift/Brake Levers	Campagnolo Mirage
Brakes	Alloy Dual Pivot
Cranks	Campagnolo Triple
Hubs	Formula Racing 9-speed
Seat	WTB Men's

Available Upgrades	
Carbon Seat Post	\$55
Custom Paint Color	\$200
Carbon Fiber Fork	\$175
Custom Frame Size	\$250
Veloce Levers	\$175
Spartacus Race Wheels	\$150
Compact Drive Train FSA	\$150

## MEN'S

## TOURING/COMMUTING

Fenders, front and rear racks, big wide tires, bomb proof fork, all no problem on the Rodriguez Adventure. This is a comfortable, classic touring bike with modern day and the old school conveniences.

We started building these again when the bike industry gave up on making well designed touring bikes. This bike is a class act right down to the stainless steel bottle opener on the chain stay. Whether you are planning an extended bicycle tour, or commuting to and from work, this bike is for you!

The Rodriguez bottle opener is an exclusive, touch of class that you'll only find on a Rodriguez. This stainless steel accessory comes standard on the Men's Adventure touring bike. It is brazed onto the seat stay.



### The Specs

Frame/Fork  
Shift/Brake levers  
Crank  
Derailleurs  
Brakes  
Rims  
Hubs  
Paint  
Seat

### Adventure Tour

Double Butted Cro-Moly  
Campagnolo Mirage  
Alloy triple 28/38/48  
Campagnolo Mirage  
Alloy Cantilever  
Velocity Dyad 36 hole  
Campagnolo Veloce  
"Don't steel me" Black  
WTB Men's

### Available Upgrades

Mountain Bike Gearing	\$90
Custom Paint Color	\$200
Phil Wood Hubs	\$375
Custom Frame Size	\$250
Veloce Levers	\$175
Phil Wood Bottom Bracket	\$125
S&S Couplings	\$600

'STEEL IS REAL'

Open up a can of whoop ass, and hit the road with a vengeance! The Rodriguez Arrow Race is your bike if you'd like to send your friends 'off the back' for a bit. Your friends will marvel as you step off your comfortable, steel frame after a long ride, and can still sit down for a beer without screaming in pain. Handbuilt with True Temper OX Platinum (made in the USA tubing), Veloce equipment, handbuilt Spartacus Pro wheels and a classic 2-color, Ferrari Red/Black paint job, it's ready to be at the front of any pack.

\$2,199



Sizes Available - 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61

frame specs on page 14

The Specs	Adventure Tour
Frame	OX Platinum
Fork	Profile Carbon
Derailleurs	Campagnolo Veloce
Shift/Brake Levers	Campagnolo Veloce
Brakes	Campagnolo Veloce
Cranks	Campagnolo Veloce
Seat Post	Carbon Fiber
Wheels	Spartacus Pro
Seat	WTB Men's

Available Upgrades	
Custom Paint Color	\$200
Custom Frame size	\$250
FSA stem and Carbon Fiber Bars	\$220
Compact Drive Train FSA	\$150
Carbon Fiber Cranks	\$250

# MEN'S FRAME SPECIFICATIONS

## ARROW SPORT/RACE

Size	Seat Tube	Top Tube	Seat Tube°	Head Tube°
51cm	51cm ctr. to ctr.	53cm ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	71.7 degree
53cm	53cm ctr. to ctr.	54.2cm ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	72.4 degree
55cm	55cm ctr. to ctr.	55cm ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	73 degree
57cm	57cm ctr. to ctr.	56cm ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	73 degree
59cm	59cm ctr. to ctr.	57.2 ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	73 degree
61cm	61cm ctr. to ctr.	58 ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	73 degree

## ADVENTURE TOUR

Size	Seat Tube	Top Tube	Seat Tube°	Head Tube°
51cm	51cm ctr. to ctr.	53cm ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	71.7 degree
53cm	53cm ctr. to ctr.	54.2cm ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	72 degree
55cm	55cm ctr. to ctr.	55cm ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	72 degree
57cm	57cm ctr. to ctr.	56cm ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	72 degree
59cm	59cm ctr. to ctr.	57.2 ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	72 degree
61cm	61cm ctr. to ctr.	58 ctr. to ctr.	73 degree	72 degree

Hand Made  
Steel Frame/Fork Sets

Arrow Sport Frame with  
Cro-Moly Fork \$795

Adventure Tour Frame with  
Cro-Moly Fork \$895

Arrow Race Frame with  
Carbon Fork \$1,195

Arrow S3 Frame with  
Alpha Q Fork \$1,795



**MADE IN  
SEATTLE  
U.S.A.**

MEN'S

HIGH ZOOT!

OK, you've seen the rest, now try the best. The Arrow S3 is new for 2005, and we've been selling them like hot cakes. The challenge was to build a high-end steel bike that weighs less than aluminum or titanium but still rides like a steel bike. Words don't do this bike justice, so I'll quit trying to write something catchy here, you're just going to have to come in and see what they are all talking about. Your choice of paint color and design.



\$3,999



Visit us online at  
 [www.rodcycle.com](http://www.rodcycle.com)  
for more information on the Rodriguez Men's steel bicycles.

The Specs

The Specs	Arrow S3
Price	\$3,999
Frame	S3 Steel
Fork	Alpha Q
Derailleurs	Chorus Carbon
Shift/Brake Levers	Chorus Carbon
Brakes	Chorus
Cranks	FSA Compact Carbon
Hubs	Formula Racing 10-speed
Seat	Fizik Vitesse

# RODRIGUEZ ULTIMATE TRAVEL BIKES

## Super Portability!

Over the last 3 years, we've noticed a dramatic increase in the amount of people buying touring bikes. At R+E Cycles, we've always built a lot of touring bikes, but the invention of S&S couplings has spawned a different kind of traveller, the ultimate traveller equipped with S&S couplings, it can be broken down into a suitcase (sold separately) that is 26"X26". Truly, no limits to where you can travel.

### The story of this bike

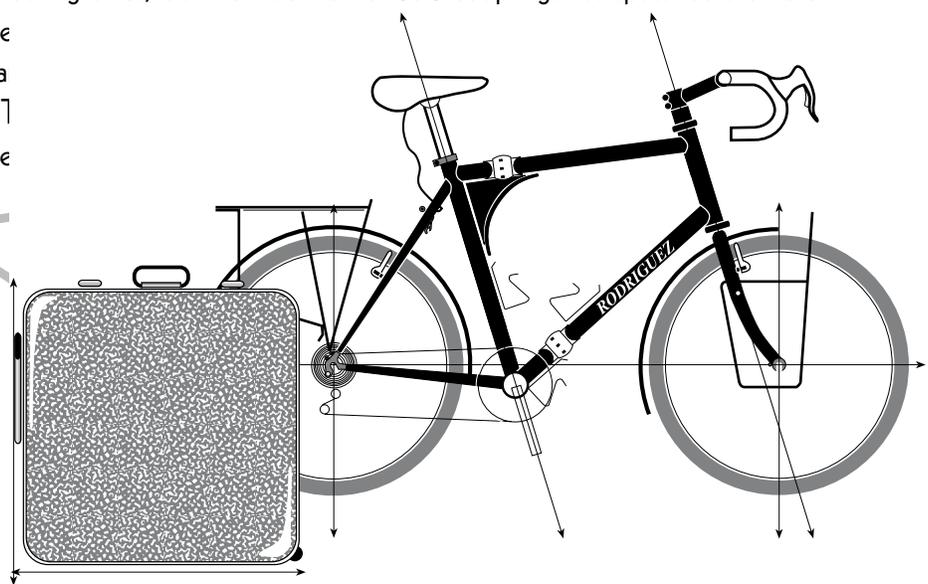
Several years ago, the ultimate bicycle traveller, Willie Weir came to us and asked us to build the ultimate touring bike. A bike that he could take to the Balkans, Cuba, and other out of the way destinations around the world.

The bike had to have very low gearing, very reliable components (there aren't a lot of high tech bike repair shops where Willie travels), and be durable enough to travel on some very rough roads. All of this, and the bike would have to easily pack up into a suitcase for convenient transport. The Ultimate Touring Bike, or UTB, was born.

I wanted to offer an Ultimate Touring Bike at a production price. Until now, a bike of this magnitude was only available through our custom option. So I asked Willie to help me design an Ultimate Touring Bike that we can offer to our customers. He, as usual, was full of magnificent ideas and we came up with a fantastic new design. Meet the Rodriguez W2 (Willie Weir or World Wide) Adventure .

This bike is rugged, well thought out, designed by someone whose life is bicycle touring, and handbuilt right here in Seattle by a company with over 30 years in the business. We've even included cable splitters and our exclusive 'outrigger' cable stops. If you want to ride without being limited to smooth, paved roads, this is your bike. If you want to go continent hopping, and bring your bike along for fun, this is your bike. If you want to have the experience of a lifetime on a bicycle, this is your bike. The Rodriguez Adventure W2 is ready for anything. Come in and try one out!

To read more about Willie Weir visit him on the web at [www.willieweir.com](http://www.willieweir.com)



# THE W<sup>2</sup> ADVENTURE

## THE SPECS:

1.) Tires: Willie doesn't ride skinny tires. This bike is set up to use whatever tire you might need to tackle the roughest roads (or non-roads). You can install from 1" to 1.9" wide if needed.

2.) Standover Clearance: You never know when you'll have to stop short! Willie likes to have a lot of stand over clearance so that... well you know why.

3.) Comfort: Ultimate travel calls for Ultimate comfort! The sloping top tube provides a higher, more comfortable handlebar position. The bike is offered with drop or flat bars.

4.) Luggage Room: The W<sup>2</sup> Adventure comes equipped with front and rear rack braze-ons so you can carry a motherload of equipment, as well as 3 water bottle braze-ons.

5.) Gearing: Willie likes low, low, low gears. The W<sup>2</sup> Adventure comes with a lower gear range than other touring bikes, and a crankset that will even accept lower gears than that.

6.) Portability: The W<sup>2</sup> Adventure is equipped with S&S couplings. This means it can easily be packed into a 26" by 26" suitcase (sold separately)

7.) Durability: This bike is built from True Temper Butted Cro-moly. The components are selected for their durability and simplicity in design. All of the bearings are cartridge sealed and maintenance free.

Let's more cool stuff (visit our web site to see it all):

- The W<sup>2</sup> comes with a shoulder pad carrying device. You can sling the bike up on your shoulder and carry it across a stream without killing your shoulder.



- The W<sup>2</sup> comes with our exclusive Rodriguez bottle opener (brazed on the seat stay). It is stainless steel, and always accessible so you won't have to dig through your panniers for your Swiss army knife just to open your drink.

- The Outrigger cable braze-on is another Rodriguez exclusive that you'll find on the W<sup>2</sup> Adventure. This little guy holds the cable stop away from the frame just a little bit. This allows us to use a cable splitter for the rear brake and it won't rub the paint off the frame.

See Frame sizing and component specs on page 18



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# THE W<sup>2</sup> ADVENTURE



## THREE DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS

	Standard Package	Willie Package	Ultimate Package
Price	\$2,299.99	\$2,299.99	\$3,199.99
Frame	True Temper Verus	True Temper Verus	True Temper Verus
Fork	Tandem Cro-moly	Tandem Cro-moly	Tandem Cro-moly
Bottom Bracket	Mirage	Deore LX	Phil Wood
Rear Derailleur	Mirage Triple	Deore LX	Chorus Triple
Front Derailleur	Shimano Triple	Shimano Triple	Chorus Triple
Shift/Brake levers	Mirage Ergo	Tektro ATB	Chorus Ergo
Brakes	Cantilever	Cantilever	Cantilever
Cranks	Alloy Triple 28/38/48	Alloy Triple 28/38/48	Alloy Triple 28/38/48
Head Set	1 1/8" FSA Alloy	1 1/8" FSA Alloy	1 1/8" FSA XL2
Hubs	Veloce 9-speed	Shimano 9-speed	Phil Wood 9-speed
Spokes	DT stainless	DT stainless	DT stainless
Wheels	Handbuilt	Handbuilt	Handbuilt
Bars	Drop Alloy	Flat Alloy	FSA Alloy Drop
Stem	Alloy	Alloy	Profile Alloy
Bar tape	Cinelli Cork	ATB Grips	Cinelli Cork
Tires	Serfas 26 X 1.5	Serfas 26 X 1.5	Serfas 26 X 1.5
Seat post	30.4 Alloy	30.4 Alloy	30.4 Alloy
Seat	Serfas Cosmos	Serfas Cosmos	Serfas Cosmos

## ULTIMATE TRAVEL BIKE FRAME SIZES

Size	Est. Rider height	Stand over cm	Top tube ctr. to ctr	Seat tube angle	Head angle
1	5'-5'3"	71cm	49.5 cm	73.5 degree	71 degree
2	5'4"-5'7"	73.7cm	51cm	73 degree	71 degree
3	5'6"-5'9"	76.2cm	52.5 cm	73 degree	71 degree
4	5'8"-5'11"	78.9cm	54 cm	73 degree	71 degree
5	5'10"-6'2"	81.3cm	56.2 cm	73 degree	71 degree
6	6'2"-6'4"	83.3cm	57 cm	73 degree	71 degree



# THE EIGHT BALL

ONLY FROM RODRIGUEZ

“A bicycle built for two... I mean one... I mean two”

The Eight ball is a Rodriguez exclusive. It's a travel bike, a travel tandem all in one bike. The entire thing will break down easily to fit into a 26" by 26" flight case.

The Story - When S&S couplings first came out, I immediately thought about a 'convertible' bike. One that would not only pack into a small flight case, but serve both as a travelers single bike, and a traveling couples tandem bike. It made sense to me. I drew one up before we even had any couplings in stock. But, my head frame builder at the time didn't think it made sense, so we scrapped the project.

A few months later, our service manager drew up a design for a tandem that he could fit into a back pack. Our frame builder brought the design up to me (it looked very similar to the convertible that I had drawn), we combined the 2 designs, and with a few modifications, the Eight ball was born.

It wasn't long after that when Willie Weir and his wife Kat came to us about getting a tandem for their tour in Cuba. Willie is a world class bicycle traveler, columnist and KUOW commentator. He bicycles in places around the world that are obscure and amazing. After hearing about their plan, we decided that the Eight ball would be the perfect bike for them.

Willie was to go to Cuba first, and tour by himself

for an extended period of time. Then Kat would fly in and join him. Our thought was that Willie could just take the 'single' configuration with him, and Kat could bring the pieces for the tandem conversion with her. This way, they wouldn't have an extra bike to try and store somewhere in Cuba. The plan went perfectly. I'd try to tell you more about his fantastic trip, but you should really hear it in his own words. If you'd like to read about some of Willie's adventures email me for a free Video CD with some travel tips from Willie, and some fantastic photos.

In the years since, we've built several of these bikes. Everyone who has one loves it. We've even had one customer add a 3rd section to their Eight ball, and now it's a travel single, a travel tandem, and a travel triple! The versatility is amazing.

There's no better test for a bicycle design than having someone like Willie and Kat tour where there are no roads, bike shops, or spare parts. The Rodriguez Eight ball has proven its self to be a travelers best friend time and time again. I encourage anyone who thinks they would like to travel with a bicycle to consider this versatile design.

The price for a Rodriguez Eight ball frame is \$4,099 for the tandem/single configuration. Not bad for a travel tandem and a travel single! If these parts groups are not what you're looking for, or you want to do some customizing of our design, let us know. We are a custom shop, and no two Eight balls, so far, are the same.



# HOW TO SHOP FOR A TANDEM

They say "you can't judge a book by its cover", but I dare say you can judge your ultimate level of satisfaction with your new tandem, by the first experience you have with it on the sales floor.

RODRIGUEZ tandems believes that the components are very important. But we don't believe that they are the most important part of your tandem. Often people shop and compare by components because that is what is most familiar to them. Often sales people compare and sell by components because that is what they know best.

The fit is the most critical component on a tandem. If it is not fit well, it will be uncomfortable to ride and it won't matter what kind of derailleur or tubing you have. When you are shopping for a tandem be sure that the sales folks do more than have you stand over the bike or even worse, just ask you "how does this one feel?" Make sure that when you are ready to take a bike out for a test ride, it is set up as close to perfect as possible, and if not, at least know what modifications should be made for you.

Your tandem test ride will tell you a lot about how much a shop really cares. Sending two people out alone for their first time, is like handing a couple the keys to a semi-truck because they know how to drive a car. Hopefully, someone from the shop will take you each out separately before they send you together. They might even go a step further and accompany you for the first half mile. This says that they care about you and they care about their tandems.

There is a steep learning curve when it comes to shifting gears on a tandem. Quite often a couple will not like the shifting, or they'll tell us it plain old did not work. This is often user error and is expected in the early stages of tandem riding. A good instructor can help get you past this stage very quickly as well as give you pointers for climbing, descending, starting, stopping, and communicating. If a shop gives this kind of care to a test ride they'll probably give the same kind of care to the assembly.

Beware of purchasing a tandem that seems like "too good a deal to be true". Often shops purchase a tandem or two, but then realize they can't

sell them. So they "blow them out" and it can be very tempting. What you may end up with is a poorly fit bike, that is poorly assembled, and a shop that does not have the tandem expertise to help you once you have signed the check.

Shop carefully for a tandem. The cheapest price is not always the best deal. It may take a few rides until you dial in the perfect fit. Be sure the shop you purchase your tandem from will work with you while you juggle seats and stems. Make sure there is a good warranty on the wheels. Compare your shopping experience along with comparing bikes. It might turn out to be the most important factor.



Charles and Rose Ann on a trip to Italy with their 8-ball tandem.

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Greg and his daughter set off on a fantastic voyage.

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# DOUBLE YOUR FUN! RIDE A TANDEM

Comfort is the key to a good tandem. If the fit isn't perfect, it doesn't matter what the components are. Our Rodriguez tandems focus on the comfort of both riders. We strive to achieve the perfect fit for each of you and the proper level of "cush" depending on your needs. Our Stainless steel bottle opener brazed to the seat stay doesn't hurt the 'cool' factor either.

30 years of designing, building and riding tandems has given us a broad range of experiences which enables us to create the perfect tandem for you. When you take a personalized test ride with us, you'll see why RODRIGUEZ tandems are the best!!

Our 2005 lineup sports 3 models of production tandems, and the finest custom tandems available (see page 22 for custom tandems)

## Test Pilot



\$2,599

## Test Pilot Specs

Frame/Fork	Cro-mo butted
Bottle Opener	Rodriguez Stainless
Brakes	Alloy Cantilever
Shift levers	Shimano Bar-end
Cranks	Sugino w/Alloy rings
Wheels	3-year warranty
Front Derailleur	Shimano Sora
Rear Derailleur	Shimano Triple
Bottom Brackets	Shimano sealed
Hubs	Phil Wood/Shimano
Head set	FSA Alloy
Paint	Black
Seats	Sefas Gel

## Toucan



\$3,499

## Toucan Specs

Frame/Fork	Cro-mo butted
Bottle Opener	Rodriguez Stainless
Brakes	Alloy Cantilever
Ergo levers	Campagnolo Veloce
Cranks	Rodriguez Tandem
Wheels	3-year warranty
Front Derailleur	Shimano Sora
Rear Derailleur	Campagnolo Veloce
Bottom Brackets	Phil Wood sealed
Hubs	Phil Wood Tandem
Head set	FSA Alloy
Paint	2-tone
Seats	Cosmos/Curva

## Toucan Softride



\$3,999

## THE NEW PAC-MAN

The old 'industrial' look      The new look

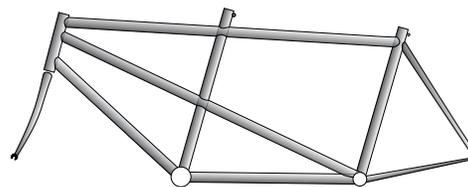
There is a braze-on that is put on a tandem down by the rear axle that in the industry we call 'the Pac-Man'. It is used for mounting a drum brake. I redesigned it this year, to match better with the bottle opener, and had them cut from stainless steel. It is a new 'cool' factor item that you'll only find on a Rodriguez.

# CUSTOM TANDEM FRAMES

## Base Frame Price - \$1999.99

Includes:

- Tig-welded, Rodriguez butted cro-mo frame & fork
- 4-water bottle, rack, & cantilever brake braze ons
- Pump peg
- Hidden fender mounts
- Any one color paint job



### UPGRADE OPTIONS:

#### FRAME CONSTRUCTION UPGRADES

Fillet brazed	\$600
Aluminum 7000 series	\$775

#### PAINT UPGRADES

Non stock color upcharge (per color)	\$125
2-color simple fade paint job	\$100
2-color superfade paint job	\$150
2-color inside out fade paint job	\$150
Panel Mask	\$100
Marbelizer paint	\$140
Kameleon Paint	\$250

#### BRAZE-ON UPGRADES

Eight ball (see page 19)	\$2,100
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S&S coupling	\$1,500
Custom multi-shaped tube set	\$325
Softride ready (includes beam)	\$599
Paint Softride beam to match	\$100
Topeak pump painted to match	\$79
Internal top tube cable routing	\$160
Chain hanger	\$20
Drum brake braze-on	N/C
Stoker controls for drum brake	\$40
Rear rack braze-ons	N/C
Front rack	N/C
Custom spoke holder (chain stay)	\$100

# PARTS KITS FOR CUSTOM TANDEM

## Thunder

Head Set	FSA Orbit XL II Sealed
Shift levers	Shimano Ultegra Bar-end
Crank	Sugino Alloy tandem
Captain Stem	A-Head 1 1/8"
Brakes	Alloy Cantilever
Stoker Stem	Rodriguez Adjustable
Front Derailleur	Shimano Sora Triple
Rear Derailleur	Shimano Sora Triple
Tires	Vittoria Kevlar
Bottom Brackets	Shimano Sealed
Rims	Velocity Deep V
Rear Hub	Phil Wood Cassette
Front Hub	Shimano
Spokes	DT Stainless
Cog Set	Hyperglide 8-sp
Seats	Gel

**\$1499.99**



## Hurricane

Head Set	Chris King Sealed
Brake/Shift levers	Campy Chorus Ergo
Crank	Rodriguez Tandem (Black)
Captain Stem	Alloy A-Head 1 1/8"
Brakes	Alloy Cantilever
Stoker Stem	Rodriguez Adjustable
Front Derailleur	Campagnolo Racing Triple
Rear Derailleur	Campagnolo Racing Triple
Tires	Serfas Kevlar
Bottom Brackets	Phil Wood Titanium
Rims	Velocity Deep V
Rear Hub	Phil Wood Cassette 145mm
Front Hub	Phil Wood
Handle Bars	FSA Carbon
Spokes	DT Stainless butted w/alloy nipples
Cog Set	Hyperglide 9-sp
Seats	Titanium/your choice

**\$2699.99**

## Lightening

Head Set	FSA Orbit XL II Sealed
Brake/Shift levers	Campy Veloce Ergo
Crank	Rodriguez Tandem (Black)
Captain Stem	Alloy A-Head 1 1/8"
Brakes	Dia-Compe Cantilever or LX V-Brake
Stoker Stem	Rodriguez Adjustable
Front Derailleur	Shimano Sora Triple
Rear Derailleur	Campy Veloce Triple
Tires	Tioga/Serfas Kevlar
Bottom Brackets	Shimano Sealed
Rims	Velocity Deep V
Rear Hub	Phil Wood Cassette 145mm
Front Hub	Phil Wood
Spokes	DT Stainless
Cog Set	Hyperglide 9-sp
Seats	Serfas Cosmos/Curva

**\$1999.99**

# CUSTOM SERVICES

At Rodriguez, our history is as a custom shop. Custom bicycles remain a large part of our focus today. To us, a custom bike is a bike that is built entirely unique to fit one person. The paint job is completely custom as well as every component that is installed onto your new bike. Below is a list of the custom services offered in our shop. If you don't see something you want on the list, just ask us, and we'll see what we can do.



## Base Frame/Fork Price - \$999.99

### Includes:

- Tig-welded construction
- True Temper Verus tubing
- Cro-moly fork
- 2-water bottle braze ons
- Pump peg
- Your choice of any one color paint job

### FRAME CONSTRUCTION UPGRADES

- \* Lugged \$350
- \* Fillet brazed \$450

### FORK UPGRADES

- \* Stock Carbon Fiber \$175
- \* Profile Carbon/Carbon \$250
- \* Custom built with frame \$250
- \* True Temper Alpha Q \$400

### TUBING UPGRADES

- \* True Temper OX Platinum \$120
- \* True Temper S3 \$300
- \* Scandium Aluminum \$875
- \* Carbon Stays Varies

### PAINT UPGRADES

- \* 2-color simple fade paint job \$75
- \* 2-color superfade paint job \$100
- \* Panel Mask (white or black panel) \$25
- \* Kameleon Paint \$100

### BRAZE-ON UPGRADES

- \* S&S coupling \$579
- \* Custom ovalized tube set \$75
- \* Softride ready (includes beam) \$475
- \* Paint Softride beam to match \$85
- \* Topeak pump painted to match \$69
- \* Internal top tube cable routing \$88
- \* Internal down tube cable routing \$176
- \* Internal chain stay cable routing \$88
- \* Front derailleur braze-on \$35
- \* Cantilever bosses (rear, includes cable stop) \$60
- \* V-Brake bosses (rear, no cable stop) \$50
- \* Chain hanger \$18
- \* Braze-on for 3rd bottle cage \$22
- \* Front rack braze-ons (Brand) \$53
- \* Rear rack braze-ons \$28
- \* Extra eyelets (pair) \$30
- \* Hidden fender mounts (rear) \$50
- \* Custom spoke holder (chain stay) \$100



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