

I love my bike, but it's time to upgrade!



The maiden voyage of the bike I'm retiring, 10/25/09, on Ebbetts Pass. It won't quite make it 5 years to its final ride.

Are bikes like dogs you've owned? Defining a period of time in your life? Maybe that's what makes my present bike special; it represents the period of time in which my son, Kevin, went from ambitious but pudgy emerging cyclist to blazingly-fast (to me) climber. And my daughter, Becky, went from having some issues at school to honors-student at graduation and near-rockstar status at the shop. For political reasons I can't push the shop rockstar thing too far as I've got a great crew overall, but she's getting a great sense of how it all pulls together. And during that time my wife has gone from weighing quite a bit more to weighing quite a bit less! Ultimately dogs, and bikes, pass on, but are remembered together with the times you lived through with them.

Approximately 35,000 miles on my 2010 Madone 6 Project One and it's time. Time to replace absolutely positively the best bike I've ever owned... and I've owned quite a few over the years. Not sure what more I could ask a bike to do than this one has done for me. But aside from a lot of wear & tear (a testament to the durability of Shimano Dura-Ace; I've replaced only a large front chainring and a few rear cassettes, in addition, of course, to quite a few chains), it's now 3 models behind, and it's time to enjoy the many improvements.

The new bike will not appear too much different from the old, with a very similar color scheme (black frame, green decals) and the wheels will actually move on from my prior bike to this one (Aeolus 3 carbon clinchers with less than 20,000 miles on them; they replaced earlier Bontrager XXX versions that lasted 33,000 miles through two different bikes). It will however feature a new one-piece bar/stem combination, and the latest & greatest 11-speed Dura Ace electric shifting. I'd considered going with mechanical, but after putting all those miles on the original Dura Ace electric shifting system, with nary a hitch... and never having to replace a broken cable... I'm spoiled. Staying with the program.

And now I have to wait until the middle of September. That's right; a show owner who's supported Trek for 25+ years has to wait in line, just like everyone else. It's going to be really, really cool. I've ridden our stock floor bikes and they're pretty darned awesome. Wonder what its first "real" ride will be?

Chain Reaction	
Advised Price	\$12,738.40
Total Est. Lead Time	32 - 45 days
Created	08/07/2014
Ordered	08/07/2014
Expected to ship	09/15/2014

Part	Comments
Frame	KTW
Headset	Shimano EDD Clincher
Color 1	Drizzle Black
Spoke Color	Black
Upper-68 CMX 1	Platinum
Upper-68 CMX 2	Lite Green
Color 2	Lite Green
Color 3	Black
Color 4	Black
Color 5	Black
Color 6	Black
Color 7	Black
Color 8	Black
Color 9	Black
Color 10	Black
Color 11	Black
Color 12	Black
Color 13	Black
Color 14	Black
Color 15	Black
Color 16	Black
Color 17	Black
Color 18	Black
Color 19	Black
Color 20	Black
Color 21	Black
Color 22	Black
Color 23	Black
Color 24	Black
Color 25	Black
Color 26	Black
Color 27	Black
Color 28	Black
Color 29	Black
Color 30	Black
Color 31	Black
Color 32	Black
Color 33	Black
Color 34	Black
Color 35	Black
Color 36	Black
Color 37	Black
Color 38	Black
Color 39	Black
Color 40	Black
Color 41	Black
Color 42	Black
Color 43	Black
Color 44	Black
Color 45	Black
Color 46	Black
Color 47	Black
Color 48	Black
Color 49	Black
Color 50	Black
Color 51	Black
Color 52	Black
Color 53	Black
Color 54	Black
Color 55	Black
Color 56	Black
Color 57	Black
Color 58	Black
Color 59	Black
Color 60	Black
Color 61	Black
Color 62	Black
Color 63	Black
Color 64	Black
Color 65	Black
Color 66	Black
Color 67	Black
Color 68	Black
Color 69	Black
Color 70	Black
Color 71	Black
Color 72	Black
Color 73	Black
Color 74	Black
Color 75	Black
Color 76	Black
Color 77	Black
Color 78	Black
Color 79	Black
Color 80	Black
Color 81	Black
Color 82	Black
Color 83	Black
Color 84	Black
Color 85	Black
Color 86	Black
Color 87	Black
Color 88	Black
Color 89	Black
Color 90	Black
Color 91	Black
Color 92	Black
Color 93	Black
Color 94	Black
Color 95	Black
Color 96	Black
Color 97	Black
Color 98	Black
Color 99	Black
Color 100	Black

Click on the photo for a complete description of my new bike, all the specs, everything.

What happens to my old bike? That's the sad part (not really, unless you're the type who never gets rid of their old bikes; I used to be that person). Trek has a loyalty program for all who own a carbon Trek bike; if you turn the frameset in (you get to keep the parts), you get a 20% discount on a brand new bike. Trek's thinking is that your current bike might have a lot of wear & tear on it, has probably been through a couple of crashes, and it makes sense to get it off the road. Nobody inspects it to see that it actually [^] was crashed, but few haven't been. So the old frame goes back to Trek and literally gets ground up and recycled, while you get a new bike at a hefty discount. Please note this program could disappear at any time; there's no formal written policy with a time frame. While it's here, if you have the opportunity and need, take advantage of it!