

Super BMX's April Test Giveaway

THE CUSTOM WORKS' ZXL PRO

This new 20-inch racer comes from the CW factory in Orange, California, and is designed for the larger racer. CW has, in a few short years, developed one of the most complete lines of frames, forks and handlebars for BMXers. Woody Itson reports on this new CW, the CW ZXL Pro.

Story by Woody Itson, SUPER BMX Test Editor

"The design stops here." According to CW (Custom Works) factory owner, Roger Worsham, "I feel that we have come up with the perfect frame and fork combination for the five to six foot tall rider. The ZXL Pro frame and fork have been two years in the making, and with test riders like Mike Miranda, Clarence Perry and Tracer Finn; you know it has to be a hot one in order to pass these guys' standards.



Woody relaxing after a photo session with the CW ZXL Pro bicycle.





Speed jumping was very easy, due to the light front end. Itson takes a jump at Parks BMX track in Fullerton, California, to demonstrate this.

To give you a little background, CW used to be Coast Wheels and Coast Wheels was sold in 1981. From Coast Wheels, Custom Works evolved; an all BMX frame and fork manufacturer owned by Roger Worsham in Orange, California. Since then, CW has taken up making handlebars and seatposts.

Today's CW Factory Team is co-sponsored by A'ME grips, Barts

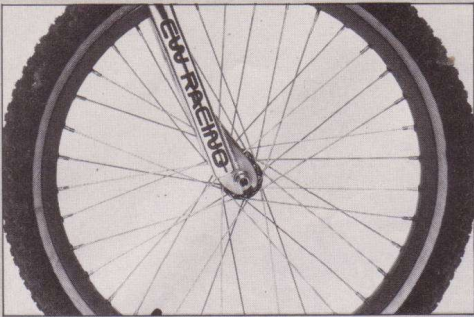
wheels, Echo helmets, M&M Apparel, MAX pants, Shimano, Terrycable and Vans Tennis Shoes. Team CW is rapidly earning the respect that they deserve, for being one of the top frame and fork manufacturers of late.

CW pays special attention to the engineering and craftsmanship that goes into the development of their products, and it shows: The welding is clean and very precise, and the

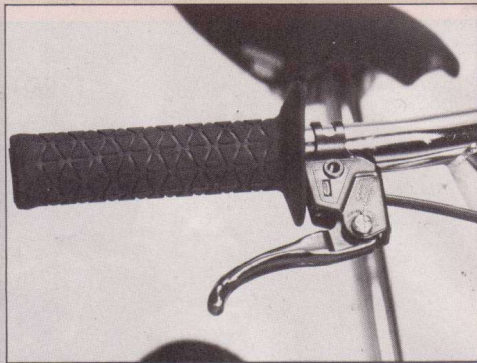
finishes that are available are beautiful. You have a choice of red, blue or black electro-static paint, or a high luster chrome finish, called "bright nickel." Bright nickel costs a little bit more, but it's worth it; the bikes really shine when they're finished.

The approximate retail cost of the ZXL Pro frame and fork combo is \$160. That's very reasonable when you consider all the work and de-

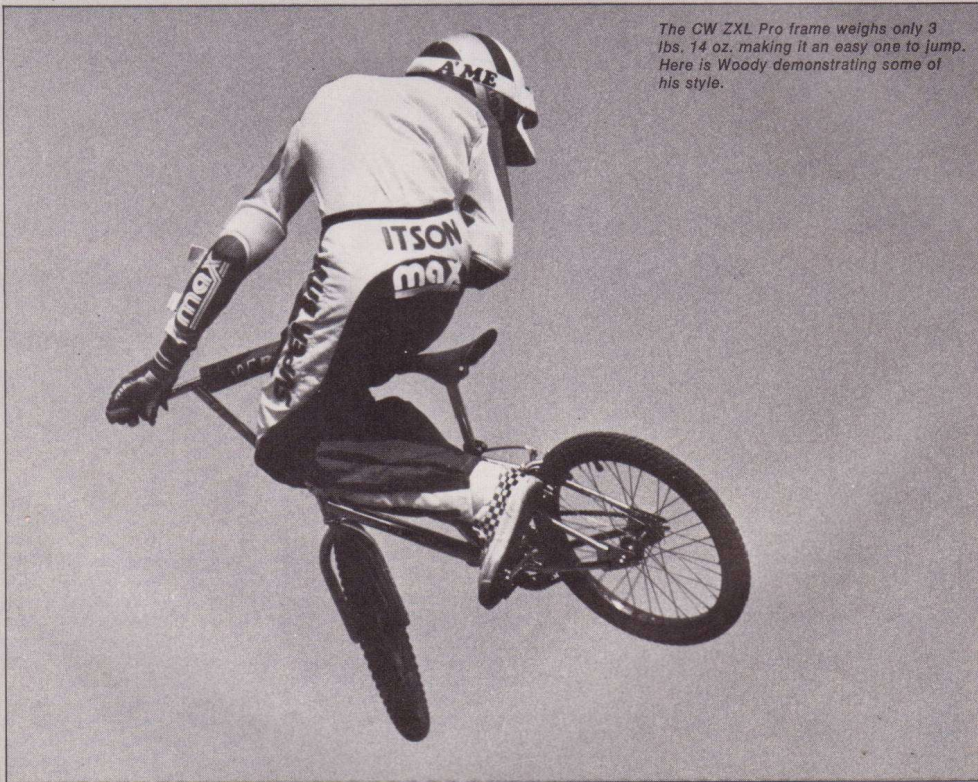
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The forks are made by CW; ZXL Pro's. The rims are Araya 7X's and the tires are Comp III's.



Grips by A'ME and hand brake by Shimano.



The CW ZXL Pro frame weighs only 3 lbs. 14 oz. making it an easy one to jump. Here is Woody demonstrating some of his style.

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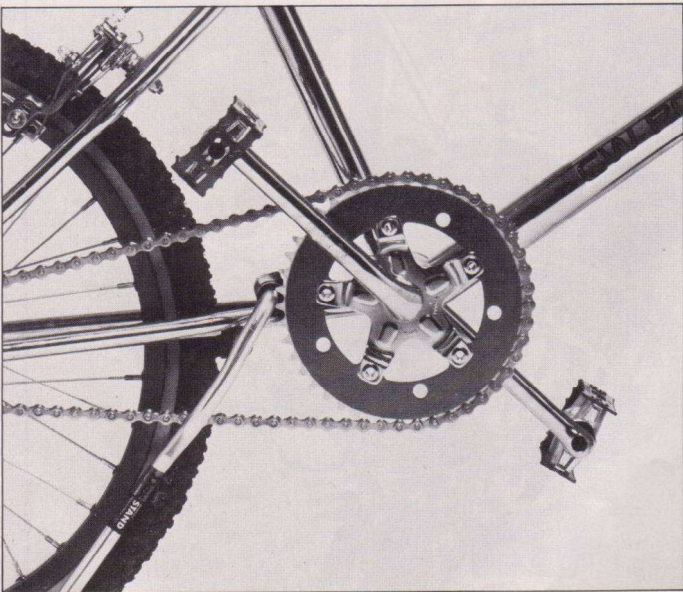
According to Woody the ZXL Pro is one of the best jumping bikes he has ever ridden.



An Aero MX seat was used along with CW chromemoly seat post and a Shimano DX seatpost clamp.



CW supplied the handlebars and the pads.



The ZXL came with a 178mm Ashtabula single-piece chromemoly crank, a Pete's Precision Products 44 tooth front chainwheel, a Sugino spider and KKT Lightening pedals.

velopment that went into the design of the ZXL Pro frame and fork.

There is also a smaller version of the ZXL Pro frame available, called to ZS, for the smaller rider. CW also makes a mini frame (XM), a 24-inch mini-cruiser (TFM) and a 24-inch full size cruiser (TFL). Besides frames and forks, CW makes a chromemoly seatpost and five different handlebars. A mini bar made from aluminum and four other chromemoly bars, a mini cruiser, a cruiser, a standard and a pro bar. The pro bar lately has become one of the hottest pro sized handlebars nowadays.

Roger also released some top secret information about the development of a new extra long 20-inch frame. It will be two inches longer overall than the ZXL pro frame; an inch in the front and an inch in the back. There will only be a limited supply of these extra-extra long frames available. This will probably be one of the longest 20-inch frames on the market, if not the longest. The reason for the limited supply is because Roger doesn't want somebody too small to try and race it. The frame will be for the truly six-foot-tall and over rider. It will be tested

by CW, Factory riders Clarence Perry and Tracer Finn.

The CW ZXL Pro is a very light frame at 3 lbs. 14 oz., giving this month's test bike an extremely light feeling. The ZXL Pro is one of the best jumping bicycles I have ever ridden. The ZXL Pro's lightweight characteristics made it easy for me to maneuver the bike anyway I wanted it to, in the air or on the ground.

The positive traction you get on the CW ZXL is one of its best qualities. It sticks to the ground in almost any kind of turn. Speed jumping was very easy due to the light front end. But the thing I liked best was the fact that I had plenty of room to pedal. I never once bumped my knees on the handlebars.

With the lightweight front end the bike might tend to loop on you at first, but once you get the feeling of the ZXL Pro, you can totally cut loose in the air and still have total control the whole time. I might also mention that all CW frames and forks are made from 4130 chromemoly tubing and are heli-arc welded.

Custom Works is an appropriate name. The quality and handling put into all CW products is unsurpassed. Roger Worsham has done an excellent job of building CW into what it is today. The current factory team roster is: Mike Miranda (AA pro); Clarence Perry (pro cruiser and AA pro); Tracer Finn (A pro); Bill Griggs (14 expert and intermediate cruiser); Chris Calahan (12 expert); Danny Steplight (13 expert); Jason Palmese (9 expert); Roger Moore (8 expert) and Debbi Kalsow (13-14 girls). ☆

CW ZXL Specifications

- CW ZXL Pro frame
- CW ZXL Pro forks
- CW Pro handlebars
- CW Chromemoly seatpost
- A'ME grips
- Shimano DX brakes
- Aero MX seat
- Shimano DX seatpost clamp
- Pro-Neck stem
- Tange MX 3 headset
- Tange bottom bracket set
- 178mm Ashtabula chromemoly cranks
- KKT Lightening pedals
- Pete's Precision Products front chainwheel, 44t
- Sugino spider
- Shimano DX freewheel, quick-change, 16t
- Dura-Ace chain
- Competition III tires
- Araya 7X rims
- Shimano DX hubs
- CW pads

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	Points Possible	Points Awarded	
1. Frame weight, 3 lbs. 14 oz.	20	18	A = 140-120
2. Frame resistance to flex	20	17	B = 119-100
3. Cost. Frame & fork, \$160.00	20	17	C = 99-80
4. Finish of welding	20	18	D = 79-60
5. Finish of frame, paint or chrome	20	19	F = 59 or less
6. Handling, turning, jumping	20	18	
7. Guarantee, 60 days against defects	20	15	CW ZXL Pro = A-
	140	122	



The complete CW ZXL Pro bike as tested.

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