The Ridgeback Experience

Every Ridgeback is built to deliver the finest possible mountain bike performance. On the road or over the roughest country, you'll find a Ridgeback purpose-built to give you the ride of a lifetime - and at the very best value for money!

Ridgeback quality certainly doesn't happen overnight. As the original name in UK mountain biking, we have been building thoroughbred mountain bikes long enough to know that experience counts. It counts in how a top mountain bike is researched and developed, how it's tested, how it's designed and most of all, how it's built. This is the Ridgeback experience.

We invite you to experience for yourself the most exciting ride you've ever had - sure handling, sharp gearshifts, fast stopping and great hill climbing. It's also the confidence-builder that lets you do more than you'd dare to do on an ordinary bike - Ridgeback's legendary Shimano components provide instant responses through a frame designed for total efficiency. But behind the exceptional performance there's dependability, durability and the kind of attention to detail that you only ever expect to find on premium quality products. That's the other side of the Ridgeback experience - the expertise that only comes from our continued pursuit of excellence.

Design and Construction Experience

Proportional Geometry 'PG'™ framesets. Head and seat angles precisely recalculated for each frame size to provide 'custom fit' quality across the complete size range. Larger frames have a reduced seat angle to maintain correct 'knee over pedal' riding position and use a steeper head angle for sharper handling, whilst smaller frames require steeper seat tubes and shallower head angles for optimum pedalling efficiency. Large radius forks, made from taper gauge blades are gently curved to provide precise steering response and increased strength.

Celebrated adventurers, Nick Crane and Matt Dickinson used Ridgebacks for their televised epic ride across the African Atlas mountains. "The bikes performed faultlessly".



Materials Experience

Ridgeback policy is to offer the best value frames at every level. We only use premium quality tubing, including Tange Cr-Mo, double butted MTB and Prestige. All tubes are precisely mitred and expertly Argon welded together by skilled workmen. Each frame is individually checked and rechecked for perfect alignment. Frames are then corrosion proofed, zinc primed, electro-

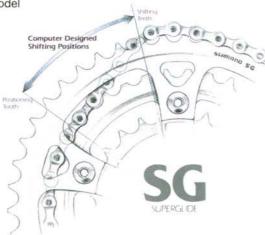
statically painted and finally clear coated over the transfers to provide a durable long lasting finish.

Whilst we could have used more fashionable designs we have opted for the proven twin seatstay construction because our first priority is engineering quality. Slotted cable guides have been included throughout for easy greasing of cables and improved braking response. Wide clearance chainstays won't clog up even with 2 inch or wider tyres. Forged vertical dropouts ensure perfect wheel alignment and optimum performance from the latest Shimano Index Derailleur systems.

Equipment Experience

All Ridgebacks are equipped with the latest and best value components available. Every model has the new Shimano Hyperglide indexed gearing for total reliability and ease of operation.





The Mountain Series

These bikes are designed for general off-road riding but are fitted with tyres that also provide good grip and easy rolling on paved roads. Many features included would normally be found only on more expensive bikes - Proportional Geometry framesets, Madison Airgrips and lycra saddles. Comfort is built in. Most models are fitted with extra long Cr-Mo seat posts.

The Roxy Generation

For the new generation of rider that's emerged from mountain biking, we introduce a model that combines the functional toughness of an ATB with the lightness and speed of a road bike. A comfortable riding position with straight bars and Shimano 18-speed Hyperglide gearing give the Roxy responsive control and versatility that make it a true all-rounder when it comes to performance on or off the road.

The Competition Series

The Competition Series is built around one idea - winning performance. These models match extra strength and lightness with detailing that only our years of experience could produce. Tange MTB and Prestige tubing have set new standards for frame builders and are used throughout the Competition Series. Extra rigidity is achieved through the classic twin seatstay

construction and taper gauge forks. Competition cable routing keeps all cables free from mud and grime.

The best materials together with Ridgeback know-how give you precision-built machines that will perform under the toughest conditions.



Ridgeback team experience.
Race winning performance pushes
our machines to the limit and helps
us build them tougher and faster.



Shimano Hyperglide Transmission - 18-speed (601SIS). Lycra Mountain saddle and extra long Cr-Mo seat post (601GS). Shimano 200GS Superglide chainset (601GS).



Ridgeback 601SIS

Frame/Fork Lightweight Hi Ten tubing Transmission Shimano Hyperglide 18-speed Saddle Madison Brakes Alloy cantilever H/bar Stem Hi Ten T bone Grips Madison Airgrips Accessories Bottle and cage Colour Red/Yellow Sizes 151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2 inches.





Ridgeback 601GS

Frame Lightweight Hi Ten Fork Hi Ten large radius 1.1/8"
Components Shimano GS with Hyperglide SIS gearing Saddle
Madison Lycra Seat Post 300mm Madison Cr-Mo H/bar Stem Hi
Ten T bone Grips Madison Airgrips Colour Orange/Grey
Sizes 151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2 inches.

These machines set the pace in the Ridgeback Mountain

Series with a no-compromise standard. They are equipped with a

PG™ (Proportional Geometry) frameset, Shimano 18-speed

Hyperglide transmission, and high quality fittings for rugged durability and comfort.







 $1\,{}^{1}/{}^{8}$ " oversize fork blades. LX Superglide chainset and 21-speed Hyperglide transmission.



Ridgeback 602SIS Extra quality and added value are built into this superb bike. The PG[™] frame as well as the forks are made from **Cr-Mo tubing**, and the 602SIS is equipped with Shimano LX components featuring **21-spd STI performance**.



Frame Tange MTB Double butted tubing Fork Oversize Cr-Mo flat oval Components Shimano M400 and M300 Saddle Madison Lycra Seat Post 300mm Madison Cr-Mo Rims Araya 26 x 1.5 Tyres Madison 'Combine Comp' 26 x 1.95 H/bar Stem Cr-Mo T bone, Internal cable Grips Madison Airgrips Accessories Toe clips and straps Colour Black Sizes 151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2 inches.

Wide section Cr-Mo stem with internal cable run.

Competition frame design built with

Tange double butted tubes.







The Ridgeback 700 gives you all the key mountain bike competition features at a **realistic price**. This is no cosmetic racing bike: fastback stays, flat oval forks, **professional cable routing and 21-speed STI** make the 700 a serious contender in any competitive event.







Frame Tange Prestige tubing Fork Oversize Cr-Mo flat oval Components Shimano M500 and M400 Saddle Madison Lycra 'Gel' Seat Post 300mm Madison Cr-Mo Spokes Stainless 14 gauge Rims Araya 7XN 26 x 1.5 Tyres Madison 'Combine Comp' H/bar Stem Cr-Mo, T bone Internal cable Grips Madison Airgrips Accessories Toe clips and straps Colour White Sizes 151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2 inches.

Ridgeback 701LX Tange Prestige frame, gel saddle, flat oval forks and Shimano 500 LX components make the 701LX a superior machine for the serious rider.



Carbon fibre seat post.

Shimano Deore DX 'Rapid Action' STI with 2-finger brake levers.

Ridgeback 702LX A high performance mountain

bike that's race equipped to speed you

to the top, and back again!



Frame Tange Prestige tubing Fork Oversize Cr-Mo flat oval Groupset Shimano Deore LX with Deore DX STI 2-finger brake levers Saddle Madison Lycra 'Gel' Seat Post Madison Carbon Fibre Spokes Stainless 14 gauge Rims Araya RM 20 black 32 hole Tyres Madison 'Combine Comp' H/bar Stem Cr-Mo T bone, Internal cable Grips Madison Airgrips Accessories Shimano Toe clips and straps Colour Blue Sizes 15 ½, 17 ½, 19, 20 ½ inches.







Frame Tange Prestige tubing Fork Oversize Cr-Mo flat oval Groupset Shimano Deore DX Saddle Madison Lycra 'Gel' Seat Post Madison Carbon fibre Spokes Stainless double butted Rims Araya RM20 32 hole Tyres Madison 'Combine Comp' Handlebars Cr-Mo, 5 degree bend H/bar Stem Cr-Mo T bone, internal cable Grips Madison Airgrips Accessories Shimano toe clips and straps Colour Red Sizes 15½, 17½, 19, 20½ inches.

Ridgeback 703DX

The 703DX delivers real professional performance. Equipped with race proven Shimano Deore DX components, **this is a Ridgeback thoroughbred.**







Merlin Titanium for the ultimate in precision work-manship and premium quality materials, the Merlin is in a class of its own. Carbon fibre and Titanium create a lightweight masterpiece.

Frame Merlin 3-2.5 Titanium Alloy Water jet cut Titanium dropouts Fork Tange Prestige 'Switchblades' Groupset Shimano Deore XT Rims Mavic MB40 32 hole Handlebars Carbon Fibre Colour Brushed Titanium Sizes 181/2, 20 inches





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COLOURS	Red / Yellow	Orange / Grey	Yellow / Blue	White / Navy Blue	Blue	Black	White	Blue	Red	Rubine Red	Brushed Titanium
SIZES	151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2.	151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2.	151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2.	151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2	171/2, 19, 201/2.	151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2.	151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2	151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2.	151/2, 171/2, 19, 201/2.	171/2, 19, 201/2.	181/2, 201/2.
FRAME	Hi Ten, forged vertical dropouts	Hi Ten, forged vertical dropouts	Tange Cr-Mo, forged vertical droputs	Tange Cr-Mo, forged vertical droputs	Hi Ten, forged vertical dropouts	Tange MTB D/butted, forged vertical drop outs. Fastback stays, competition cable routing.	Tange Prestige, forged vertical dropouts. Fastback stays, competition cable routing.	Merlin 3-2.5 Titanium Alloy. Water jet cut Titanium dropouts.			
FORK	Hi Ten Large radius 1.1/8" oversize blades	Hi Ten large radius 1.1/8" oversize blades	Cr-Mo large radius 1.1/8" oversize blades	Cr-Mo large radius 1.1/8° oversize blades	Hi Ten, large radius, narrow unicrown	Oversize Cr-Mo flat oval blades	Oversize Cr-Mo flat oval blades	Oversize Cr-Mo flat oval blades	Oversize Cr-Mo flat oval blades	Tange Prestige 'Switchblades'	Tange Prestige 'Switchblades'
HEAD PARTS	516 Steel black	8002 steel black	8002 steel black	8002 steel black	8002 steel black	Shimano R500	Shimano R500	Shimano R500	Shimano Deore DX	Shimano Deore XT	Shimano Deore XT
CHAINWHEEL	Mountain Alloy crank 28/38/48	Shimano 200GS Superglide 28/38/48	Shimano 200GS Superglide 28/38/48	Shimano 300LX Superglide 28/38/48	Shimano 200GS Superglide 28/38/48	Shimano 400LX Superglide 28/38/48	Shimano 400LX Superglide 28/38/48	Shimano Deore LX 26/36/46	Shimano Deore DX 26/36/46	Shimano Deore XT 26/36/46	Shimano Deore XT 26/36/46
PEDALS	767 Nylon	767 Nylon	767 Nylon	867 Mountain Nylon	867 Mountain Nylon	Shimano M450	Shimano M450	Shimano Deore LX	Shimano Deore DX	Shimano Deore XT	Shimano Deore XT
CHAIN	Shimano HG50	Shimano HG50	Shimano HG50	Shimano HG50	Shimano HG50	Shimano HG50	Shimano HG50	Shimano HG70	Shimano Deore DX	Shimano Deore XT	Shimano Deore XT
SADDLE	Madison Mountain	Madison Lycra	Madison Lycra	Madison Lycra	Madison Lycra	Madison Lycra	Madison 'Gel' Lycra	Madison 'Gel' Lycra	Madison 'Gel' Lycra	Madison 'Gel' Lycra	Madison 'Gel' Lycra
SEAT POST	Alloy 300 mm	Madison Cr-Mo 300mm	Madison Cr-Mo 300mm	Madison Cr-Mo 300mm	Madison Cr-Mo 300mm	Madison Cr-Mo 300mm	Madison Cr-Mo 300mm	Madison Carbon Fibre	Madison Carbon fibre	Madison Carbon fibre	Shimano Deore XT
HUBS	S-414 Black	S-414 Black	Shimano HG20 7-speed	Shimano HG50 7-speed	S-414 Black	Shimano HG50 7-speed	Shimano HG50 7speed	Shimano Deore LX 7spd 32h	Shimano Deore DX 7spd 32h	Shimano Deore XT 7sp 32h	Shimano Deore XT 7sp 32h
SPOKES	14 gauge	14 gauge	14 gauge	Stainless 14 gauge	14 gauge	Stainless 14 gauge	Stainless 14 gauge	Stainless 14 gauge	Stainless double butted	Stainless double butted	Stainless double butted
RIMS	Araya alloy MP22 26 x 1.5	Araya alloy MP22 26 x 1.5	Araya alloy MP22 26 x 1.5	Araya alloy MP22 26 x 1.5	Mavic M3 700c	Araya alloy MP22 26 x 1.5	Araya 7XN 26 x 1.5	Araya RM 20 black 32 hole	Araya RM20 Black 32 hole	Mavic MB40 32 hole	Mavic MB40 32 hole
TYRES	Madison Combine 26x1.95	Madison Combine 26 x1.95	Madison Combine 26 x1.95	Madison Combine 26 x 1.95	Madison Roxy 700x35	'Combine Comp' 26 x 1.95	'Combine Comp' 26 x 1.95	'Combine Comp' 26 x 1.95	"Combine Comp" 26 x 1.95	IRC Peak	IRC Peak
REAR MECH	Shimano TY20 GS	Shimano 552-GS	Shimano 200GS	Shimano 300LX	Shimano 552-GS	Shimano 300LX	Shimano 500LX	Shimano Deore LX	Shimano Deore DX	Shimano Deore XT	Shimano Deore XT
FRONT MECH	Shimano TY25	Shimano TY25	Shimano 200GS	Shimano 300LX	Shimano TY25	Shimano 300LX	Shimano 500LX	Shimano Deore LX	Shimano Deore DX	Shimano Deore XT	Shimano Deore XT
SHIFT LEVERS	Shimano MY20	Shimano MY20	Shimano M020 Rapid Action STI	Shimano M050 Rapid Action STI	Shimano MY20	Shimano M050 Rapid Action STI	Shimano M050 Rapid Action STI	Shimano Deore DX Rapid Action STI	Shimano Deore DX Rapid Action STI	Shimano Deore XT Rapid Action STI	Shimano Deore XT Rapid Action STI
FREEWHEELS	Shimano HG20 14-28 Hyperglide	Shimano HG20 14-28 Hyperglide	Shimano HG50 13-30 7-speed Hyperglide	Shimano HG50 13-30 7-speed Hyperglide	Shimano HG20 14-28 Hyperglide	Shimano 13-30 7-speed Hyperglide	Shimano 13-30 7-speed Hyperglide	Shimano 13-30 7-speed Hyperglide	Deore DX 13-30 7-speed Hyperglide	Deore XT 13-30 7-speed Hyperglide	Deore XT 13-30 7-speed Hyperglide
BRAKES	MTB 104 cantilever	Shimano 200GS	Shimano 200GS	Shimano M250	Shimano 200GS	Shimano M351	Shimano M351	Shimano Deore LX	Shimano Deore DX	Shimano Deore XT	Shimano Deore XT
BRAKE LEVERS	MTL 1043 finger	Shimano 200GS	Shimano 200GS	Shimano M050 STI	Shirmano 200GS	Shimano M050 STI	Shimano M050 STI	Shimano Deore DX STI 2 finger type	Shimano Deore DX STI 2 finger	Shimano Deore XT STI 2 finger	Shimano Deore XT STI 2 finger
HANDLEBARS	Hi Ten, 5º bend	Hi Ten, 5º bend	Cr-Mo, 5º bend	Cr-Mo, 5º bend	Hi Ten, 5° bend	Cr-Mo, 5º bend	Cr-Mo, 5° bend	Cr-Mo, 5º bend	Cr-Mo, 5º bend	Madison Carbon fibre	Madison Carbon fibre
H/BAR STEM	Hi Ten T-bone	Hi Ten T-bone	Hi Ten T-bone	Cr-Mo T-bone	Hi Ten T-bone	Cr-Mo T-bone, Internal cable	Cr-Mo, T-bone Internal cable	Cr-Mo T-bone, internal cable			
GRIPS	Madison Airgrip	Madison Airgrip	Madison Airgrip	Madison Airgrip	Madison Airgrip	Madison Airgrip	Madison Airgrip	Madison Airgrip	Madison Airgrip	Madison Airgrip	Madison Airgrip
ACCESSORIES	Bottle and cage	*****		*****		Toe clips & straps	Toe clips & straps	Shimano toe clips & straps	Shimano toe clips & straps	Shimano toe clips & straps	Shimano toe clips & straps

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