



At 18 pounds wet, the Cook Bros. Mini BMXer has got to be the lightest in its class. It's the perfect mount for small guys.



Crank is a very sano Shimano 600 with a three-leg spider to hold the sprocket. Chain is by Everest; pedals are Reedy's.

COOK BROS. MINI BMXER

Scaled-down racer specially for little guys

• For guys who are either too young or too small to race a standard sized 20-inch BMX bike, there is now help. Cook Bros. Racing has a mini BMX frame made just for you. Unlike other bikes which are only half-way adapted for the needs of small riders, the Cook Mini is a new design from the ground up.

At first glance, you can tell that this is a different bike: everything looks super light—and it is, with a claimed weight of just 18 pounds. The chrome moly frame alone comes in at three pounds. But that's the aim of this bike, to keep it light.

The Mini used in this test is that of Cook Team rider Brian McDougall, who competes as a 10 year old Novice. Since Cook offers the Mini only as a frame so far, Brian's bike is something special. Frame, forks and bars are moly. The unusual wheels look like nothing else we've seen; the rims are by Nisi and accept special sew-up mini knobby tires which are glued on! Hubs are low-flange Shimano free hubs. Since it looks like only one brake could stop this little rocket, a rear-mounted Shimano caliper grabs the rim when called upon.

Other trick stuff includes a Freccia d'Oro saddle with moly seat post and two-piece Laguna clamp, Shimano 600 crank with 40-tooth chainwheel. Reedy pedals turn the crank, which whips a trick Everest chain over the sprockets.

It looks as if the Cook Mini can perform as well as any other standard size bike on

the track, but that's no doubt due to the rider and condition of the track. We don't know how well it works on a killer track, especially with those frail looking tires. It would also stand to reason that if you grow suddenly on this bike, that could kill it too.

Though we didn't get a price on this little number, we figure that it's not cheap. If you're a fast grower, it probably wouldn't pay to own a Cook Mini. On the other hand, if you're one of those "small guys," and you're serious about your racing, this is the best way to go. •

COOK BROS. MINI Specifications

NAME AND MODEL	Cook Brothers Mini
RETAIL COST	N/A
WEIGHT	18 lbs
FRAME	4130 chrome moly
FORKS	4130 chrome moly
HANDLEBARS	Cook Bros.
GRIPS	Oakley
SADDLE	Freccia d'Oro
PEDALS	Nisi alloy
WHEELS	with Shimano low-flange free hubs
CRANK	Shimano 600
GEARING	40/14
BRAKES	Shimano caliper
CHAIN	Everest
TIRES	N/A
PEDAL	Reedy
DISTRIBUTOR	Cook Bros. Racing
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A close look at the Mini's wheels show just how trick they are. Rims are Nisi alloys with sew-up knobblies glued onto them.



The Cook Mini is so light that even the little guys can whip it around the track with little problem. Hopefully it can take the worst that a track can dish out.

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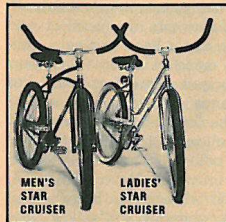
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