



# GT TEAM ONE

*The ONE you've been waiting for*

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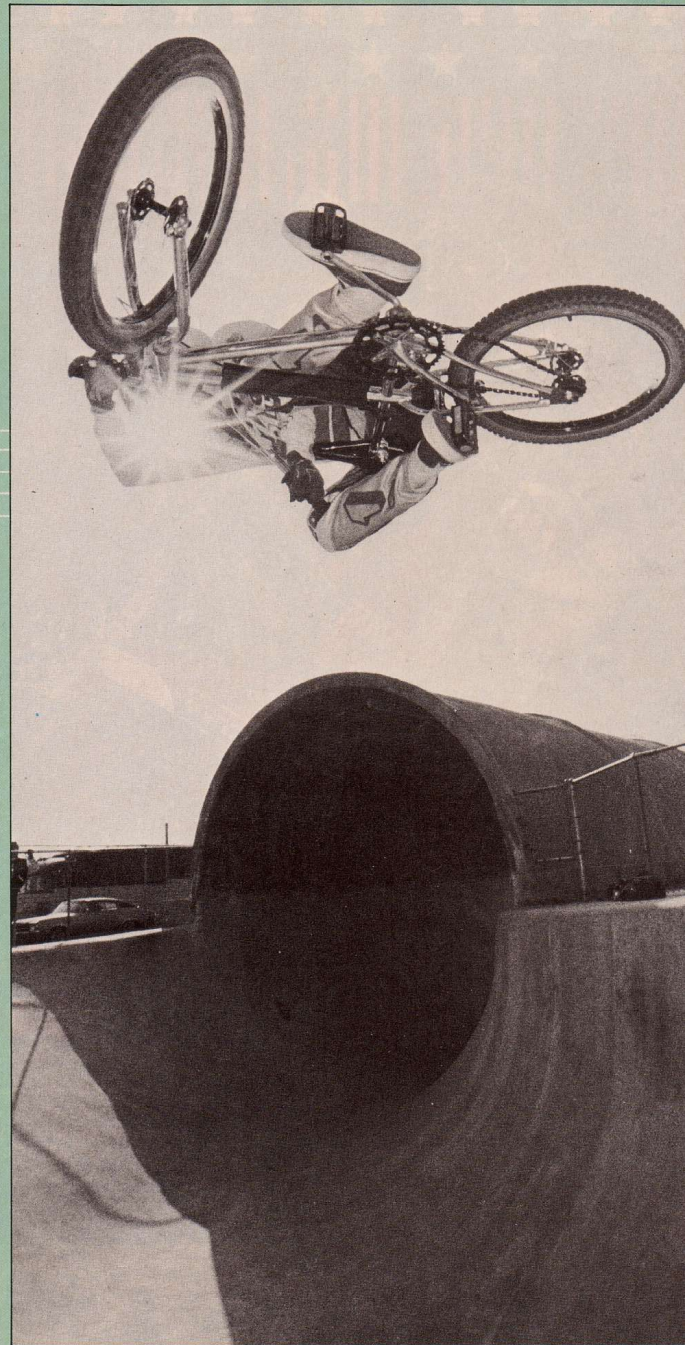
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□ It's no secret. Around BMX racing circles GT is the top dog. And if you've got a bone to pick with the winningest team in BMX, you'll have to answer to guys like Greg Hill, Nelson Chanady, Robert Fehd, Rick Webb, Craig Bark, Leon Williams and Geoff Scofield. That's a number-one team in just about anybody's book—hence the tag "Team One" and the release of a new thoroughbred GT bike of the same name.

So, if you're one of the small army who have been waiting for a new GT model, namely an affordable kit bike, your wait is over. Or is it? Will you have to wait in line to buy one? Keep reading.

#### GT's NEWEST ONE

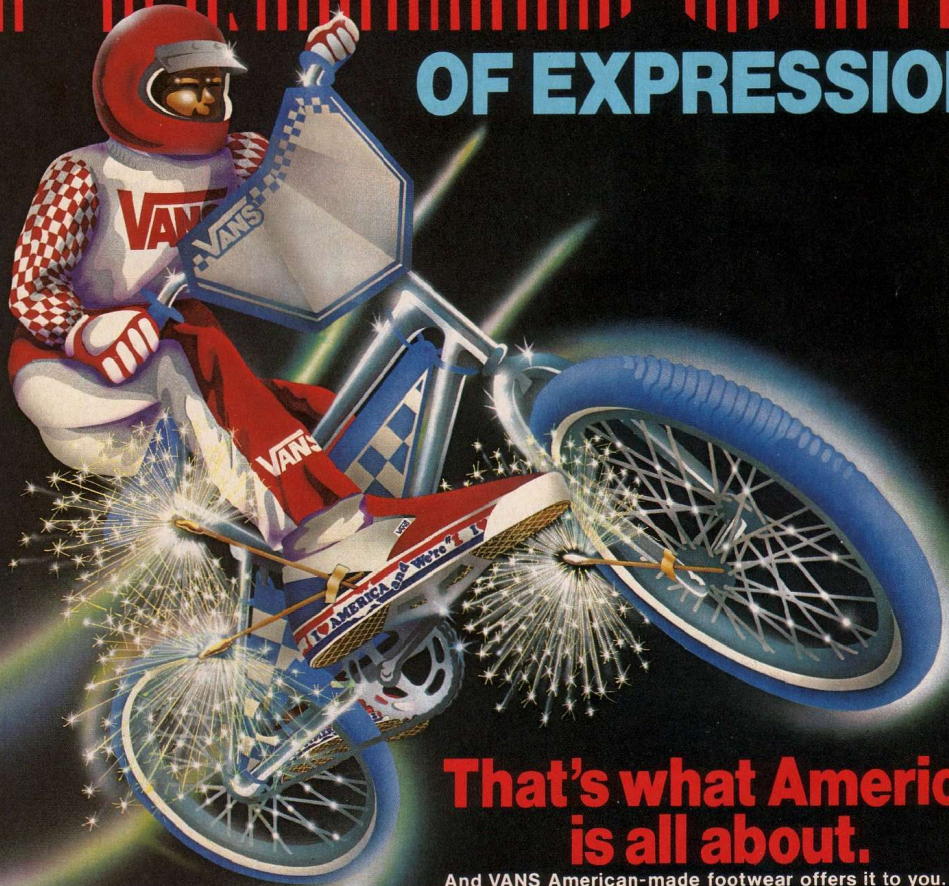
The Team One is a new approach for GT. Before, if you wanted a GT, you had to go out and buy a GT frame and fork, possibly even seatpost and bars. Then you needed to round up a complete piece-by-piece parts ensemble (read: expensive) and build your own bike by hand. After the change settled in your pocket, there was little doubt you had one tricked-out GT bike dialed in perfectly, but it took a three years' allowance advance to swing it. Consequently, GTs have always been somewhat of a BMX status symbol. If you're lucky enough to currently own



*A whole lotta bike in a whole lotta air—the Team One and Eddie Fiola high above Pipeline's "L" bowl.*



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The new GT saw it all: street, dirt, sand, mud, muck, as well as sanitary skateparks. The Shinko Phoenix skinwall tires worked hot on the street and in the park. But, in the dirt, well . . .

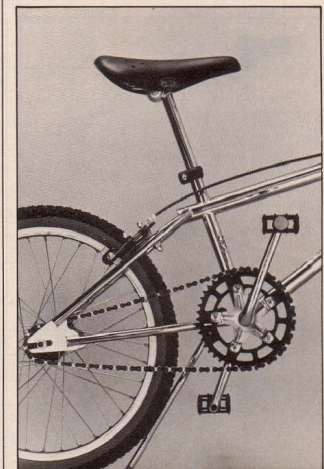
a GT, don't worry. The introduction of the Team One won't make owning a GT any less of a status symbol or riding one any less cool—it just makes it cheaper and easier to buy one!

**THE AFFORDABLE ONE**  
For right around \$330 to \$350, the Team One is (aside from their own personal dialing in) the same bike currently ridden by Greg Hill, Nelson Chanady, and even skatepark superstar Eddie Fiola. The Team One starts out as a ready-to-assemble so-called "kit bike." This kit includes GT's new-and-improved frame, proven fork, seat-post and bars, and rounds out with more or less of an SR-dominated component package. If you haven't noticed, SR is rapidly emerging as one of

Japan's most innovative and respected manufacturers when it comes to BMX, mountain bikes or ten-speed componentry. The package on the Team One is trick stuff.  
In addition to the impressive SR gruppo, GT adds Ukai rims, Dia-Compe caliper, Izumi chain, Jaguar II plastic saddle, Shinko skinwall tires and A'ME Tri grips as icing on the cake. Other than the relatively unknown Shinko Phoenix skinwall tires, we had no complaints regarding stock equipment. That includes assembly, adjustment, wear and tear and yet more adjustment. Actually, our only gripe with the Phoenix skins was that they were too hard a rubber compound for use on the hard and dry



No way. A race bike in a skatepark? Yes way. In fact, GTs are master Fiola's current choice for ramping, parking or freestyling. That says a lot!



Team One trickery includes SR pedals and chromoly cranks, Izumi chain, Sun-Tour freewheel, Dia-Compe caliper and Ukai rims—not a weak hit in the package!



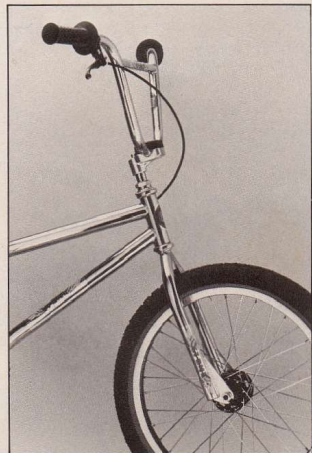
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Over this jump Fiola would pedal like mad, pop up, flick it sideways and crank his turn in thin air. The Team One begged for more.



The proven 44/16 gearing and SR's super-dependable 175mm chromoly cranks make building up a head of steam and landing lofty leaps like this no prob at all.



When the going gets really rough, you'll still have a handle on the lightning-fast Team One with 9/2" by 28 1/2" inch chromoly bars, SR stem and A'ME Tri grips.

Southern California tracks where we do our testing. They will, however, make a good, long-wearing street tire if that's your thing, but if you're a racer we recommend replacing them with Nationals, Carlises, IRCs or Comp III's.

After all is said and done, in stock trim, the Team One is ready to race. There are no hidden costs or short-term componentry here—just proven up-to-date starting-line stuff. And the best thing of all is that it still has that neat blue-and-gold emblem on the head tube. Sigh . . .

### ONE AND ONLY

It's tough to beat a proven package like GT's super-popular standard-size frame and fork. We've known guys who have pushed (better make that *thrashed*) the same old GT frameset season after season and they're still going straight. In one word, GT frames are *strong*. In fact, strong enough for the master of abuse, Eddie Fiola, to have recently chosen one for his full-time skatepark, ramp and freestyle mount. That says a lot, believe us.

Surprisingly though, the new Team One frame is a step up from the earlier "ol' faithful" models. From the outside, there's no way you can tell the difference, for the true trickness of the Team One lies on the inside. If you were to cut the capped end off of GT's trademarked, pierced top tube, you'd find increased wall thickness. Not throughout the entire length of the tube, but just where the strength is most needed—where the seat stays plug into the top tube, right behind the seat tube. Why this update? Well, it seems that the increased use of the almost flex-free chromoly cranksets is causing more stress than ever on BMX framesets. Some manufacturers fight frame fatigue through the use of double-butted tubing, assorted gusseting and brazing, which has traditionally translated into either more weight, more time or more expense. If you could look inside GT's framesets, you'd find simple, straight-gauge 4130 chromoly tubing throughout. But it's as thin-walled as possible without sacrificing strength or durability. That's the

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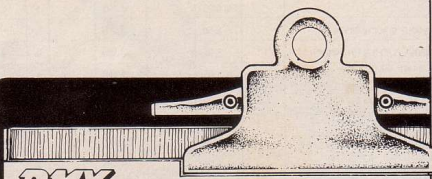
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key. The unseen update of the Team One is set up perfectly for larger riders. Its stout 28-1/2" by nine-inch bars, lengthy 175mm SR one-piece cranks and 12-inch seatpost combine to offer plenty of leg room for all but the biggest and burliest. A true sign of a great bike is how long it takes you to get it wired. On a par with all other GTs, the Team One takes a minimum of break-in time. There are no sudden surprises on the Team One, and after a couple of laps around the track or trips down the trail, the Team One will feel like an old friend—whether you've ever ridden a GT before or not. GT's geometry and design are no fluke—their competition record will quickly prove that. GT makes framesets that are

easy to ride fast. They make you look good. And the Team One is no exception. Racers will find that it snaps out of the gate with a minimum of rear-end whip, and everybody from Novice to Pro will find that its race-bred rear-end geometry will allow for flawless speed jumping. Even the most troublesome of bumps can be cleared and ridden over full pedal with ease. With twin 72-degree seat and head tube angles, there is no doubt that the Team One is an aggressive-handling chassis. But combined with its complementary dimensions, fore and aft of the bottom bracket, what you've got is a predictable racer or super street performer for just about everybody... except maybe your mom.

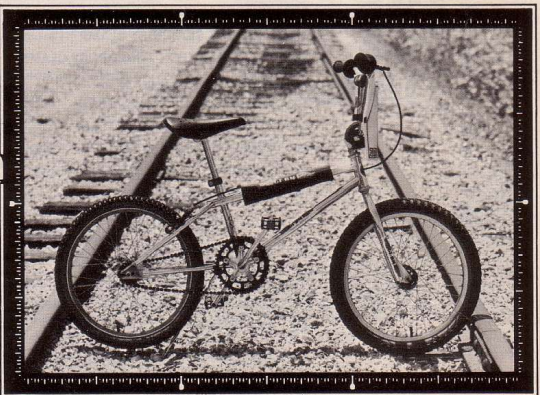
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**RIDE ONE**  
When you stand alongside the new Team One and step on the pedal, you'll find that it is indeed stiffer than previous GT framesets, courtesy of the improved rear end and, of course, the beefy 1-1/4-inch top tubes and down-tubes. The next thing you'll notice is



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1. **Bike:** GT Team One 20-inch.
2. **Age range:** 13 years and over.
3. **Country of origin:** USA (California).
4. **Intended use:** Racing.
5. **Wheelbase:** 36.0" to 37.0".
6. **Bottom bracket height:** 11-1/2".
7. **Chain stay length:** (C/L with 36-1/2" wheelbase) 15.0".
8. **Steering head angle:** 72°.
9. **Seat tube angle:** 72°.
10. **Frame:** GT, 4130 chromoly, hell-arc welded, chrome plated. Features: 1-1/4" top tube and downtube, 4" head tube, 5/8" rear stays, American bottom bracket.
11. **Fork:** GT, 4130 chromoly, hell-arc welded, chrome plated. Features: 1" diameter leading-axle legs.
12. **Rims:** Ukai, alloy, 20.0" x 1.75".
13. **Spokes:** 36/080, chrome plated.
14. **Hubs:** SR, alloy, high-flange, loose ball.
15. **Tires:** Shinko Phoenix skinwalls, 2.125" front, 1.75" rear, 40-45 psi.
16. **Cranks:** SR, Cr-Mo, one-piece, 175mm x 24 tpi.
17. **Pedals:** SR, sp-458, alloy cage, chromoly shaft.
18. **Chain:** Izumi 1/2" x 1/8", chrome.
19. **Bottom bracket:** Steel, retained ball.
20. **Front sprocket:** SR, 44T, alloy, quick-change, with SR chromoly spicer.
21. **Freewheel:** SunTour, 16T.
22. **Brakes:** Dia-Compe 890 caliper with Tech 3 lever, rear only.
23. **Headset:** Steel, retained ball.
24. **Stem:** SR, ms-422, alloy, 4-bolt clamp with chromoly shaft.
25. **Handlebars:** GT, 4130 chromoly, 9" rise, 28-1/2" width.
26. **Grips:** A/ME Tri.
27. **Seating:** Jaguar II plastic with 12" GT 4130 chromoly post and SR alloy seatpost clamp.
28. **Miscellaneous:** Full set of GT safety pads and CPSC reflectors.
29. **Overall weight:** 25.0 lbs.
30. **Approximate retail price:** \$330 to \$350.
31. **For additional information contact:** GT, P.O. Box 5278-67, Santa Ana, CA 92704; 714-895-5589.

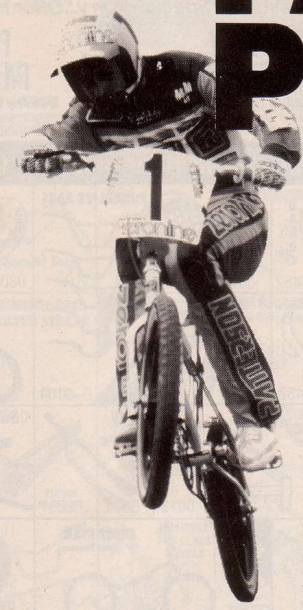


**SHOULD YOU BUY THIS ONE?**

Right now, GT is on a roll. They're the team to beat. And everybody knows you don't get to the top on inferior equipment. No way. Simply put, the new Team One is the same bike the GT team is riding. It was built with a specific purpose in mind—to win races at an affordable price while still proudly displaying that prestigious blue-and-gold head tube badge that has always stood for the highest in BMX quality.

We admit, when we first picked up our Team One for testing, we had some pretty heavy expectations of how GT's first complete bike should perform. And we're happy to say that the Team One never let us down. It's a good bike at an even better price. If you're like a lot of us around here, GT's new Team One is truly the bike you've been waiting for. However, the bad news is, the wait has only begun. The line forms to the left. □

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