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PEREGRINE B-1

“NOT A SEEDY BIKE”

WORDS: LEW

Clive, this time with a disaster in just the bat of a lash.



Here's what's up: This kid walks into a building with a big sign on the front window. PERRY'S GRAIN. Little does he know it, but as it turns out, the place is a wholesale farm seed warehouse. Anyways, he walks in, throws \$400 in cold cash on the front counter, and barks at the clerk with authority.

"Could I get a little help here? I'm ready to buy, and I'm talkin' buy BIG," the kid says.

"Well, ah, sure son. What can I get for you?" replies the elderly clerk.

The kid pulls out a list from his pocket and begins reading stuff off.

"I'm gonna need parts. 48 spoke wheels, sealed hubs, a set of chrome-moly cranks. Some good bars, a Rotor that works, Compact Disc, a set of front and rear brakes while you're at it... some axle pegs. You can give me semi-generic components, too. The chain, grips, stuff like that. Oh yeah, as far as frame and forks go, let's see... something in white will do nicely. Do you have maybe a frame in white with chrome forks? But check it out, geometry's important to a guy like me—I'm a 14 expert flatlander, ya know—and



Lean and lively: Wizard's enigmatic editorial helper Clive Noctchaw gives the lip ramp something to groan about with this boosted footplant.

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Part-time FREESTYLIN' tester Todd Anderson turns down at the brand new Camarillo ramp. You could say he adapted to the Peregrine fast—he did 540s on it, and now rides it as his personal unit.

anyways, I need somethin' that's gonna respond. I wanna get into it, you know what I mean? Do ya follow me?"

The clerk clears his throat.

"Well, ahrrh, yes, I follow you, but maybe you'd like to . . ."

The kid interrupts him in mid-sentence.

"I know what I'd like. Something new, something fresh. Maybe oval tubing to keep the strength in there. Don't worry about holes drilled all over the place in the forks for thread-in pegs, 'cause like I was sayin' about getting the axle pegs and all. Are you gettin' all this down, pops? I got the \$400 right there, cash money. I'm ready to buy right now if ya got something that fits my description. Well?"

The clerk now lets loose with a chuckle and stares down at his would-be patron.

"You know, you're the third kid in here this week who's tried to buy a freestyle bike from me. An I'd be happy to sell you one, Heaven knows they sound like fun and all, but son . . . I'm a grain salesman. I sell seeds so you can plant corn, oats, wheat, barley . . . the stuff they make beer and cereal out of. Do you follow me? Now what you might try doing is running across the street there to that place with the PEREGRINE sign on the front of the building. Or you can try the local bike shop . . . but I have a feeling Peregrine will have what you're looking for. It's called the B-1, their brand new freestyle bike," said the old man.

The kid just stands there with his mouth hanging open, then asks "How do you know about the B-1?"

"You 'member me telling you about those other two kids who came in this week askin' the same kinda questions? What do you think they're riding right now?"

PEREGRINE B-1 SPECS

COMPLETE BIKE PRICE: \$400.
FINISHES AVAILABLE: White with chrome or blue with chrome.
COMPLETE BIKE WEIGHT: 29 pounds.
FRAME WEIGHT: 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
FORK WEIGHT: 2 pounds, 1/2 ounces.
BAR RISE: 9 inches.
BAR WIDTH: 28 inches.
SEAT TUBE ANGLE: 70 degrees.
STEERING HEAD ANGLE: 75 degrees.
FORK RAKE: 1/2 inch.
BOTTOM BRACKET HEIGHT: 11 1/4 inches.
WHEELBASE: 35 1/2 inches to 37 1/2 inches.
TOP TUBE LENGTH: 18 inches.
TOP TUBE O.D.: Ovalized.
DOWN TUBE O.D.: Ovalized.
FORK LEG O.D.: Tapered.

COMPONENTS

FRAME: Peregrine B-1, 4130 chrome-moly.
FORK: Peregrine B-1, 4130 chrome-moly.
BAR: Peregrine Pro, 4130 chrome-moly.
STEM: Anlun, aluminum and chrome-moly.
SPINNING DEVICE: Peregrine Twister.
GRIPS: Peregrine.
HEADSET: OPC type.
RIMS: Peregrine 48's.
HUBS: Peregrine, sealed.
SPOKES: Steel.
TIRES: Cheng Shin, 20 x 1.75.
BRAKES: Peregrine FSX.
BRAKE LEVERS: Peregrine FSX.
BRAKE CABLES: Peregrine.
PEDALS: Wellgo, aluminum and chrome-moly.
CRANK: 1 piece, chrome-moly.
BOTTOM BRACKET: OPC type.
FRONT SPROCKET: Peregrine Compact Disc.
REAR SPROCKET: SunTour, 16 tooth.
CHAIN: KMC.
SEAT: Peregrine Pro design.
SEAT POST: Peregrine, snake bend.
SEAT POST CLAMP: Peregrine.

STANDING FEATURES

PLATFORM/PEGS: Includes a set of complementary axle pegs which feature replaceable end caps and twin thread capability. The top tube is quite flat along the top, making it less likely for foot slippage. A small platform at the seat mast junction and a brake guard/standing loop behind the seat mast round out the B-1's standing areas.

OVERALL EVALUATION

QUALITY OF FINISH: 8". The masking marks where the chrome switches into the paint is perfectly out. The paint doesn't chip easily, the chrome job looked pure—no yellow smears or spots.

QUALITY OF WELDING: 8.5". Tidy welds with



no room for slipshod craftsmanship make this an explicit example of how it should be done.

QUALITY OF COMPONENTS: 6.5". A little below par. The situation could be WAY improved if Peregrine would include a set of their new three piece cranks.

"Based on a 1-10 scale.

ASSORTED COMMENTS: "These new FSX brakes are pretty burly. I like the thickness. . . . "Much of the things on this bike remind me of components on Haro bikes. The bars, the stem, etc. . . . "Cool pedals. . . . "Graphics are off. . . . "The levers are basically cool. We bent ours out a little bit for that "custom" feel. . . . "Weird spinning device. The double cable design is pretty decent, though. Just hard to figure out at first. . . . "The tubing reminds me a JMC with its teardrop shape. . . . "If Peregrine 48's didn't change the whole face of freestyle, I don't know what did. . . . "The seat is definitely freestyle ready. Rear grinder bar, handle deal underneath, padded top. Looks a bit like a Hutch Trick Top. . . . "The grips display the Peregrine logo boldly, although they are harder than rocks. . . . "The tires are swell feeling, but the ones on our bike were white. They got dirty so fast. . . . "I dig the feel of the bars. Super stiff. . . . "Overall the bike felt a little small for larger riders, but the geometry was quick so it felt agile. . . . "The chroming and finish were fine, but the graphics were just too punk for my taste. . . . "I wonder how long it will be before we see a Peregrine freestyle team?"

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The business end of the Peregrine FSX brakes. They grab, your rim stops, and you skid. End of conversation.



Why do we love Lew here jumping for joy? Could it be because he's just discovered Peregrine's other new bike, the Pro? The Pro retails for a whimsical \$299.00 and features such goodies as the original Master sport magis, chrome-moly cranks, a Twister, hot color combinations, and Peregrine grips. Yes indeed, Lew knows when to jump.