

□ "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to another game of "Wheeler Dealer." Tonight we have three lucky young wheeler dealers who are going to compete for the right to take home a brand-new bike. You all know the rules, of course, so let's begin."

"Contestant Number One, we're looking at the new Peregrine B1 XT freestyle bike. Your question is: How long has Peregrine been making freestyle bikes?"

"Gee, Pat, that's a tough one. It's the first one I've seen. I'd guess they just started."

"You're absolutely right, Number One. They've been making components for freestyle bikes for years, but they just started making complete bikes this spring. That's ten dollars for you. Okay, now, Number Two: What other bike does this one most resemble?"

"That's easy, Pat. A Haro Sport."

"Very good, Number Two. Our team of expert testers says that this bike looks

quite a lot like a Haro Sport. There are some strong resemblances in its appearance and handling. The finish and construction also seem to be of similar high quality. That's ten dollars for you. Now, Number Three: Is this bike a copy of a Haro?"

"No, Pat. Not at all. The geometry looks similar, but there are no chain stay platforms and no peg holes on the forks. What's more, the seat tube pierces the ovalized top tube in a way that resembles the classic GT design. Furthermore, the seat post resembles a Dyno Drain Pipe more than anything else."

"Very good, Number Three. Our judges tell me you win \$50 for that answer. Now we enter round two of our contest, where you win the most money by offering the most absurd answer.

Contestant Number One: What is the material used to make up the frame, fork, seat post, and handlebars?"

"Well, Pat, I'd have to guess that those parts are made of frozen, radioactive mayonnaise with a core of liquid nitrogen to keep it stiff."

"Excellent, Number One. You now have \$60. Of course, the parts I named are all made of 100 percent chromoly. Your answer was so ridiculous you earned the maximum of \$50 from our judges. Now then, Number Two, it's your turn. What's special about the wheels?"

"Pat, I'm going to have to say that they're hand-carved from the trunks of mahogany trees by a highly trained band of African pygmies."

"That's very good, Number Two. In reality, they're the very expensive and very highly regarded Peregrine HP-48s. You've earned another \$40. You now have \$50. Number Three, it's up to you to identify the detangling device on this bike."

"That's easy, Pat. It's the steering wheel of a '53 Buick, with 100 feet of triple-weave clothesline feeding through the hole where the horn used to be."

"Excellent, Number Three. You now have \$100. The real answer, of course, is that the detangler is a Peregrine Twister with dual-cable action. It works quite well, too, I might add, although our expert mechanics found that it worked better when the cable guide right below the headset was bent in slightly to line up with the Twister cable."

"All right, contestants, we'll now break for station identification. During the brief intermission, you'll each have one minute to test the bike backstage on our Wheeler Dealer test ramps and riding surfaces. Stay tuned, viewers, we'll be right back."

THREE MINUTES LATER

"All right, men, I see you're back and ready to go. We'll see how your evaluations match those of our staff geniuses. You'll get a maximum of \$20 for each key observation. Number One, you're



The B1 XT offers no permanent platforms near the axles, but the bike does come with a good pair of axle pegs.



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B1 XT

At almost \$600, the Peregrine B1 XT would have to be pretty hot to be worth the price. Well, it does work pretty well in the air, as Steve Broderson found out.

now in second with \$60. Tell us how this bike handles for flatland riding."

"That's easy, Pat. It handles really well. The back end is light for rolling tricks, and the whole bike is light enough so you can really whip it around. The brakes work well, but the levers flex a little too much and make me wish they were sturdier. The tires work great and the rims don't flex at all, which is great as far as flatland tricks are concerned."

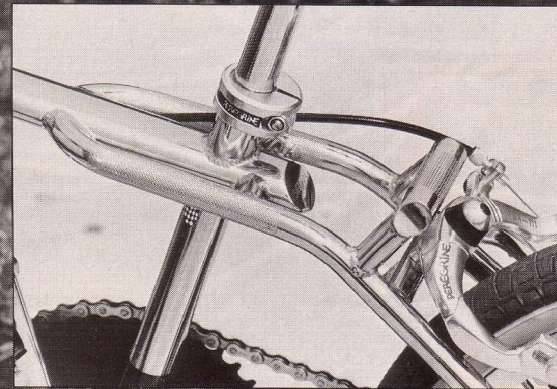
"Thank you, Number One. The judges have given you \$140 for those observations, bringing your total to \$200. It's now your turn, Number Two. What can you add to those comments?"

"Gosh, Pat, I guess I'd have to add that the seat is really comfortable, with a special pad on top for added comfort and a steel ring in the back to keep it

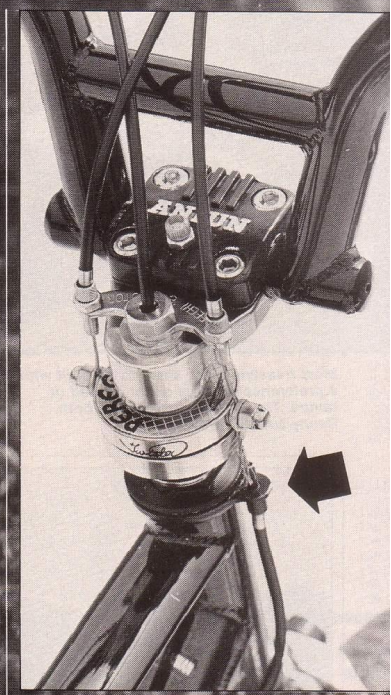
from getting shredded in upside-down tricks. The single set of pegs feel good and work well, and interestingly, they screw down over the axle nuts; they're dished out for that purpose, I noticed. Unfortunately, the back axle isn't long enough for that, so you have to remove the nuts there first. The three-piece cranks feel very good, but they have a tendency to loosen up while you're riding, so it would be good to put some Loc-Tite on the bolts."

"Great analysis, Number Two. You sure noticed a lot in one minute. Our judges tell me you now have \$190. It's now your turn, Number Three. Tell us a few things about the handling of the bike on a ramp."

"Gladly, Pat. This bike flies like a champ. It's easy to adjust to, it's real



The construction and finish on the bike are first-class. ▶



The Peregrine Twister works well, but we'd recommend re-angling the cable guide (indicated) to cut down on cable friction. It's a simple adjustment that makes a noticeable difference in braking.



B1XT

controllable, and it feels very much at home eight feet above the coping. The pedals offer plenty of traction and the bars feel good. The only thing I really disliked was the grips, which felt like they could be used to grate cheese if they were a little harder."

"Brilliant, Number Three. The judges tell me that they're giving you \$90 for that answer, bringing your total up to \$190. Let's see, now. Contestant Number One has \$200. He's showing me that he'll give all of that to take the bike home. Contestant Number Two indicates that he'll give all of his \$190 to get the bike back to his house. And Contestant Number Three says he'll put up all of his \$190 to take the bike home to his place. Well, guess what, gentlemen? Together you've got exactly \$580, which is just what Peregrine is asking for the bike. The bike is yours to keep. We hope you live close to each other, so you can easily share it. Congratulations! Enjoy your bike, and tune in tomorrow for another exciting episode of "Wheeler Dealers." □

OFFICIAL BMX PLUS! TEST BIKE PRO AND CON LIST PEREGRINE B1 XT

PROS	EXCELLENT	CONS
Excellent handling on ramps and ground	Excellent components	Lame grips
	Strong	Costs almost \$600
	Good construction and finish	Lousy levers

SPECIFICATIONS: PEREGRINE HIGH-PERFORMANCE B1 XT

I. FRAME AND FORK

Type: Freestyle, 20 inch; age range 10 and over.
Frame design: Single, 1-3/8" x 7/8" elliptical top tube; single, 1-5/8" x 1-1/4" O.D. elliptical down tube.
Frame construction: 4130 chromoly.
Fork construction and design: tubular chromoly, tapered from 1-1/8" O.D. to 1", leading axle design.
Wheelbase: 35-3/4" to 36-3/4".

Bottom bracket height: 11-1/4" (center to ground).
Chain stay length: 15-3/8" (center of bottom bracket to midpoint of rear dropouts).
Steering head angle: 73.5".
Seat tube angle: 69".

II. WHEELS

Rims: Peregrine HP 48's, alloy.
Hubs: Peregrine, semi-sealed, alloy shell, chromoly shafts.
Tires: Peregrine HP 48's, 20" x 1.75" front and rear.
Freewheel: SunTour 16T.

III. DRIVE TRAIN

Pedals: Weligo, Shimano Deore type, alloy cage and body with chromoly shaft.
Crank: Peregrine, three-piece chromoly, 125mm.
Front sprocket: Peregrine, double sided compact disc, alloy, 44T.
Bottom bracket: Peregrine, sealed bearings with alloy cups.
Chain: KMC, 1/2" x 1/8".

IV. STEERING

Grips: Peregrine.
Handlebars: Peregrine, "O" bar, five-piece chromoly, 28-1/2" width by 8-1/2" rise.

V. SEATING

Seat: Velo with metal rail and partial padding.
Seatpost: Peregrine, snakepost design, chromoly.
Seatpost clamp: Peregrine, alloy.

VI. BRAKES

Callipers: Peregrine FSX 11s front and rear.
Levers: Peregrine.

VII. ACCESSORIES

Peregrine "Twister" detangler.
Cups: P.P.S.C. equipment.

VIII. WEIGHT

28 3/8 lbs.

IX. PRICE

Country of origin: Taiwan.
Additional information: Teel Inc., 550 Commerce St., Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

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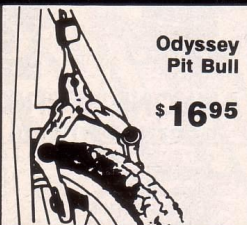
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