

## TORKER'S LOW PROFILE

### Lightweight weapon for heavy wallets

• If you want a lightweight weapon for the BMX wars, the Torker Low Profile looks like one of the ways to go. At over \$400 a copy, this bike is definitely no curb jumper; it's made for the guy who wants to do some serious racing.

Both the forks and frame on the Low Profile are by Torker and are made of chrome moly, which is the standard requirement for top-notch bikes nowadays. The head is braced with a massive gusset to keep steering precise. Out where the rear wheel stays join the bottom bracket, there's no bracing of any kind, which looks a little too light, but it must work. This "lightweight look" is further enhanced by the bike's chrome plate finish.

Araya box-style rims are used at both ends on large flange Shimano hubs. Shimano caliper brakes are used front and rear to slow the train down. To make sure that all the body power reaches the rear wheel, Red Line Engineering Flight cranks are used. They're made out of moly steel and are expensive, but they don't flex at all! Steering is provided by a set of Race, Inc. chrome moly handlebars with Oakley grips.

One of the features on the Torker that grabbed us was in the stem department. While a lot of goosenecks have been checked out, the one on this baby was one of the best we've seen. It's a one-off machined chunk of alloy that holds the handlebars in place with six Allen screws. Definitely sano!

The 25-pound Torker is one heck of a bike to race, we discovered. All of that lightness makes it fly over jumps like it's got booster rockets! But rest assured that this is a no-bust bike that can be ridden hard.

Torker has a bike that's one of the big racing surprises around. It's got light weight, good handling and strength. And if you've got around \$425 to spend, you've got a great bike. •



Decked out in a chrome plate finish, the Torker Low Profile has got to be one of the most sano bikes in town.



You can get really high up on the Low Profile. This shot qualified Torker rider Clint Miller for his pilot's license.



Up front, the TLP has dual head gussets and leading axle forks with a tucked-in axle line. Araya rims, Shimano big hubs and Cheng-Shin rubber make the wheel. Bike uses calipers front and rear.

### TORKER LOW PROFILE Specifications

NAME AND MODEL	Torker Low Profile
RETAIL COST	\$425
WEIGHT	25 lbs
FRAME	4130 chrome moly
FORKS	4130 chrome moly
HANDLEBARS	Race Inc., chrome moly
GRIPS	Oakley
SADDLE	Kashimax
WHEELS	Araya 7C with large-flange Shimano free hubs
CRANK	Red Line "Flight Crank"
GEARING	44/16
BRAKES	Shimano calipers
CHAIN	Cedis
TIRES	Chen Shin, front; Mongoose, rear
PEDALS	MKS
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