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## WORST-KEPT SECRET

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The Santa Cruz Nomad Carbon.

It may have been one of the worst-kept secrets in the industry, but it's still, well, really effin cool. Santa Cruz stopped by the office a few weeks ago to show off its new toys. The Nomad Carbon comes ready to rock with ISCG05 tabs, 1.5-inch compatible headtube, downtube protector and carbon upper linkage. All these things make for a much stiffer and 1.25-pounds lighter main frame. It's not a bank-breaker either. The frame with RockShox Monarch 3.3 shock retails for \$2499.

Not only did we get to lay eyes on this beauty, but we also got to give it a (somewhat daylight deprived) pedal on the San Juan trail (see video at bottom). The most stand-out feature aside from the diet was the frame's stiffness. There was no mistaking what the bike was going to do when leaned into a corner—rail it.

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ISCG05 tabs are molded in the true one-piece carbon mainframe.



The Nomad Carbon receives a 1.5-inch headtube for improved stiffness and compatibility with any steerer configuration.



Protective guard for added security to the already thick and durable carbon frame.



Even the upper link is carbon. Our initial ride proved the bike to be insanely stiff.



Mike Ferrentino brainwashing us on the Nomad Carbon. He also had some extra tricks up his sleeve to show us. Check back on April 12 for more details.