

HOPE PRO III SP-AM 4

Price: £350 Weight: 825g+973g = 1798g

Contact: www.hopegb.com

Hope's new SP-AM (Straight Pull-All Mountain) wheel delivers seriously meaty yet impressively fat-free performance.

The eye-catching parts of the hub are the four 'arms' that bolt direct onto the rotor via big Hope-made stainless steel bolts. This means yet another rotor standard to run alongside six-bolt and Centerlock, but Hope will supply any rotor size from 160mm upwards 'free' with the wheels. It also gives Hope space to fit top-quality stainless steel 'Pro III' bearings and still maintain complete QR/20mm front or QR/10/12mm/Maxle rear axle capability.

Add double-butted DT straight pull spokes, and they're around 130g lighter per set than Hope's standard Pro II hubs on the same DT 5.1 rims.

We've had this prototype set on full-time hammer for three months without a hiccup.

We've slammed them off serious drops, burst tyres on them and wrenched them sideways through rock gardens. After that they're still taut and straight, while adding a sharp edge to the drive and cornering of any bike.

Add a great price, legendary reliability and Hope customer support, and they're our clear winner – as long as you can stomach a new disc standard.

MOUNTAIN BIKE

TRAIL

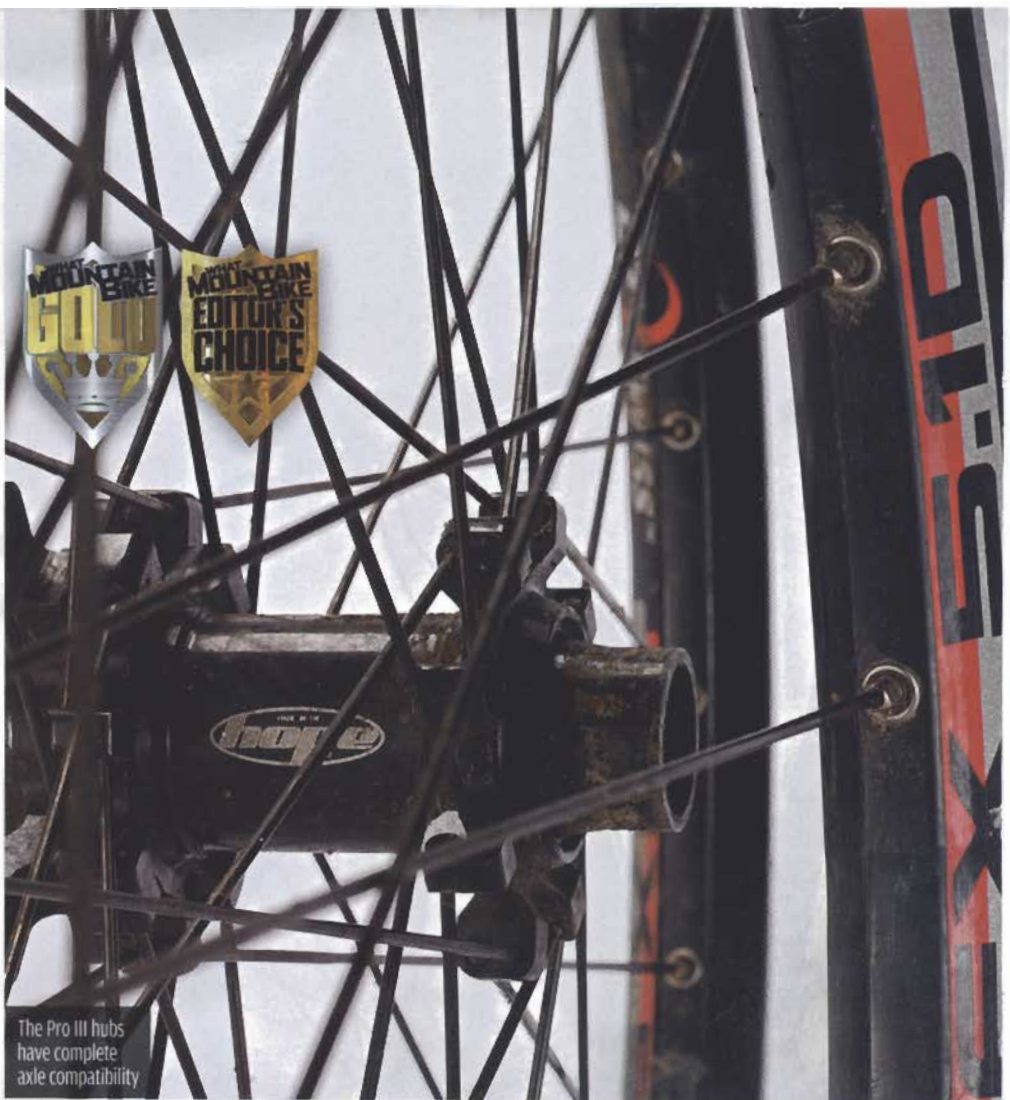
MOUNTAIN

USE

VALUE

Light, tight, impressively tough, totally versatile and very long lasting

VERDICT **S**



The Pro III hubs have complete axle compatibility