

"SINCE IT FIRST POPPED UP IN MY MIND MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, THIS PROJECT OBSESSES ME. IT EMBODIES EVERYTHING I AM RIDING BIKES FOR. THE ADVENTURE, THE GAME OF RACING, THE CHALLENGE, ALL OF THAT THANKS TO THE WONDER-FUL MACHINE THAT IS A BICYCLE, A TOOL FOR MOBILITY, WHETHER IT'S FOR MY DAILY JOB AS A MESSENGER OR TO RACE ACROSS THREE DIFFERENT CONTINENTS."

MARIN DE SAINT-EXUPERY

ALBION

3 CONTINENTS 3 RACES 11 MONTHS 30,000 KM

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LEAVE SWITZERLAND - 1ST JAN 24 ATLAS MOUNTAIN RACE - 9TH FEB 24 HELLENIC MOUNTAIN RACE - 25TH MAY 24 SILK ROAD MOUNTAIN RACE - 17TH AUG 24 ARRIVE HOME - DEC 24

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SPECCING A BIKE TO RIDE 30,000KM

BUILD SPEC

Frame and fork

Frame - Fairlight Holt XL Desert Fork - Fox 34 Elite FIT4 110mm

<u>Groupset</u>

Chainset - XT M8000 11-speed 52mm chainline Chainring - XT 32T & 34T Chain - XT Link Glide 11-speed Cassette - XT Link Glide 11-speed 10-50 Derailleur - XT Link Glide 11-speed Shifter - XT Link Glide 11-speed

Brakes

Brakes - XTR 4-pot Front rotor - XTR 180mm centre-lock Rear rotor - XTR 160mm centre-lock

Bearings

Headset - Chris King Inset 7 Black Bottom bracket - Chris King T47 steel

Finishing kit

Seat clamp - Hope black Handlebars - Truvativ Atmos Flat bar Seatpost - Ritchey WCS 0mm offset 400mm 27.2mm Dropper option (for Hellenic) - PNW Rainier 125mm Stem - Ritchey WCS 90mm Saddle - Brooks C13 carved Grips - Ergon GA3 Aerobars - Profile Design

Wheels & Tyres

Wheels - Hunt Dynamo wheelset -Son 28 front hub Tyre options (depending on race):

- Continental Race King 2.4"
- Vittoria Mezcal 2.35"
- Vittoria Barzo 2.35"

<u>Lighting</u>

Front light & charger - Sinewave Beacon Tail light - Supernova E3 rear light

Frame packs & bags

Bottle cage - King Cage Ti bottle cages x 2 Bottle cage - King Cage Iris cage x 1 (under downtube) Fork cages - Apidura Cargo cage x 2 Frame bag - Apidura custom Top tube bag - Apidura prototype Saddle pack - Apidura Expedition Bar pack - Apidura prototyoe

<u>Spares</u>

- Chain x 7
- Cassette 11T cog x 2
- Cassette 13T cog x 2
- Cassette 15T cog x 2
- Chaining x 2
- Jockey wheels x 2
- Shifting cable sset x 3
- 160mm rotor x 2
- 180mm rotor x 2
- Brake pads x 18
- Chris King Silver Grease
- Derailleur hanger x 2
- Vittoria Mezcal x 4
- Vittoria Barzo x 2

BUILD SPEC NOTES

Having run a full Shimano XTR drivetrain for previous seasons, Marin has opted to run an 11-speed Shimano XT Link Glide set-up for this trip. Link Glide is heavier but has significantly increased durability.

Marin is running a Chris King headset and bottom bracket for serviceabilty in the field. The bearings are designed to be serviced and to last a lifetime if looked after. He is carrying Chris King silver grease.

He is running a Fox 34 fork which a friend has taught him to service in the field.

He is running a 27.2mm rigid post for the Atlas Mountain Race and the Silk Road Mountain Race, and the journey between the races. At the Hellenic Mountain Race, he will opt to use a dropper post as there is some technical descending.

Marin has arranged for packages sent to various points on his journey containing the spare parts he needs such as chains, cassette cogs, rotors and new tyres.













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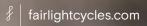
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