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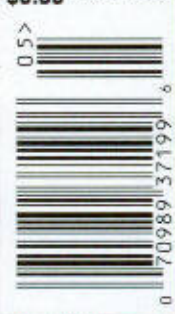
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When we tested the Ellsworth Epiphany (*MBA*, August 2006), it was hard to imagine a time when Ellsworth could upstage that bike. Well, with the introduction of the Ellsworth Oracle, that time is now.

The Oracle starts with the Epiphany's basic geometry and travel (5.25 inches) and takes off from there. This bike will have a titanium front triangle and new custom carbon seat stays coupled with an aluminum asymmetrical chainstay ("I couldn't make the chainstay lighter or stronger out of anything else," explains Tony Ellsworth). The Oracle will only be available as a complete build, with a custom wheelset using Ellsworth's new carbon rims and a proprietary Chris King hub set. The rider will have a choice of Shimano XTR or SRAM X.0 components. Titanium and 7075 aircraft-grade aluminum will be employed for the bike's fasteners. Magnesium gets used in the rocker arms.



As a final touch, the rider can have his name burnt into the frame. "You can't etch titanium," explains Tony. "So we came up with a laser that burns the name with the coolest blue, rainbow tint to it. It looks so good."

So what will the Oracle set you back?

Ten thousand dollars, and don't expect to take one out for a test ride at your local Ellsworth shop. The bikes (available now) will be made for each customer. You can get more ordering information by calling Ellsworth Handcrafted Bicycles at (760) 788-7500.