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THE SCOPE R4C ROAD

Carbon wheelsets are becoming more and more popular. They are visually appealing, offer good aerodynamics, make for a smoother ride feel. Feltet.dk had the chance to test a full carbon clincher wheelset from a relatively new Dutch manufacturer: Scope Cycling. The Scope R4c are a full carbon wheelset and offer a depth of 45mm. They are completely developed and designed in-house. The wheelset comes in black and offers a subtle design with only a few red and white accents.

As mentioned, Scope developed the wheels themselves. That includes the hubs as well. They come with a characteristic wide flange width, which

guarantees a high lateral stiffness. One of the brands main focusses is the durability of their products. It is therefore, that they use high-quality SKF bearings as a standard and developed their own brake pads in combination with the wheels brake surface.

The rim is designed to withstand crosswinds. The 24mm wide and 45 mm deep rim offers good aerodynamics and comfort.

THE TEST

When unpacking the wheels one will immediately be impressed by their quality. The wheels are visually aesthetic, have nice details – Scope didn't leave anything to chance.

Once one puts the wheels to test, one will immediately notice their stiffness. We must admit, though, that we have seen stiffer wheels. The R4c are stiff, lightweight, and are easily kept at speed. They corner aggressively, but at ease.

The wheels never felt harsh in crosswinds, not even on rides along the coast. That is particularly due to the 45mm depth of the rim and the weight of the wheelset. It's a great all-round wheel for any flat as well as hilly rides.

If one is rather a "lightweight" rider, like the tester

(68kg), than this wheelset is a perfect match. It is easy to accelerate and reacts almost instantly, when needed.

The braking is also very impressive, even in challenging situations, and compares to what one knows from aluminum wheelsets.

They are not cheap, but come at a price that doesn't compare to the one of other absolut high-end wheel manufacturers. They seem therefor rather inexpensive. Having had the chance to ride the R4c and to experience their quality, we can easily confirm that one gets a lot of value for one's money.

CONCLUSION

In case of the R4c wheelset, Scope is definitely keeping word: quality, stiffness, thoughtful design, and very fine handling are at the core of the wheelset. The wheelset rides very well in crosswinds, offers excellent braking – even on wet roads, and is a functional all-around wheelset for all types of terrain and weather.

HOW WE TESTED

The wheels were tested on a road bike, on a daily basis, on trips of up to four hours, and in races. And in all kinds of weather typical for a Danish spring.

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ABOUT THE BRAND

Scope Cycling is a relatively young Dutch brand which has chosen to compete against some of the more well-known, established manufacturers. Durability is one of Scope's primary focus areas and this, together with an approach of taking development into their own hands, beginning from scratch, is an exciting mix. We recommend to keep an eye out for Scope in the future.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Manufacturer: Scope Cycling
- Weight per set: 1.464 grams
- Price: €1398,-

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