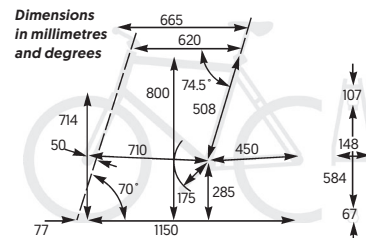




**Biketest**



**Tech Spec BOMBTRACK BEYOND+**

- **Price:** £1,750 (Not currently available as a frameset only in the UK.)
- **Sizes:** S, M, L, XL (L tested)
- **Weight:** 14.17kg (no pedals)
- **Frame & fork:** Double-butted 4130 chrome-moly frame with 73mm BSA BB, 12x148mm rear dropouts, and fittings for internal dropper, rear rack, mudguard, four triple, one double, and one single frame mounts. Double-butted 4130 chrome-moly fork with tapered steerer, 15x110mm dropouts, and fittings for internal dynamo cable, rack, mudguard, two triple mounts.
- **Wheels:** 67-584 WTB Ranger TCS tyres, WTB ST i35 double-wall rims, 32x3 spokes, Bombtrack Grad boost hubs.
- **Transmission:** no pedals, 175mm Truvativ Stylo chainset with 30t X-Sync 2 chainring, SRAM DUB BSA 73mm bottom bracket, SRAM Eagle chain, SRAM Eagle 11-50t 12-speed cassette. SRAM SX Eagle 12-speed shifter and derailleur. 12 ratios, 17-77in.
- **Braking:** SRAM Level hydraulic disc with 180mm front and 160mm rear rotors.
- **Steering & seating:** Bombtrack grips, 730x31.8mm Bombtrack flat bar, 50mmx3° Bombtrack stem, semi-integrated/external threadless headset. Bombtrack saddle, 30.9x400mm Bombtrack seatpost, Bombtrack seat clamp.
- **Website:** bombtrack.com

# Bombtrack Beyond+

Another rigid trail bike with bikepacking potential.

**Dan Joyce** tests the £1,750 Bombtrack Beyond+

**T**he Beyond+ is a bike in the same mould as the Surly Krampus reviewed last issue: a rigid steel mountain bike with plus tyres that's extensively barnacled with mounts for bags, racks, bottles and mudguards. These wheels are the smaller plus size: 27.5x2.8in. It will take 29x3in wheels as well; Bombtrack's 29x3 Beyond+ ADV uses the same frame.



**Above:** Bottom gear is 17in. In conjunction with the traction benefits of wide, soft tyres, it climbs steep slopes really well

With 27.5+ wheels, which have a radius ~25mm smaller than 29+ wheels, the bottom bracket is unusually low. This is a two-edged sword. When you're standing on the pedals and freewheeling at speed, a lower bottom bracket feels more stable because your centre of gravity is lower. But when you're pedalling you hit the pedals on rough ground more often. Too often, in fact. Shorter (165mm) cranks

would help if you didn't fancy bigger wheels.

Aside from this quirk it's a nicely designed, good looking frame. There are fittings for almost everything, even a dynamo cable through the fork. All that's missing are down-tube guides for a dropper seatpost; you'll need bolt-in cable guides there if you fit one. The bend in the top of

the down tube is there to clear the crown of a suspension fork; a 100mm travel fork would work best as the steel fork's axle-to-crown length is 483mm. (Correction from last issue: the Krampus actually has a 498mm rigid fork, not 483mm as stated.)

At 177cm tall, I'm supposedly borderline between sizes M and L. In fact the L fitted me perfectly for reach and its 15mm taller head tube meant less weight on my hands – a good thing with a rigid fork. It rides

well. The head angle is steep by modern standards but still yields enough trail, given the bike's bump-swallowing tyres.

Those soft, wide tyres have a large contact patch, which means good traction when climbing, especially on looser surfaces where a harder tyre would scabble and slip. Bottom gear for this 1x12 SRAM SX Eagle setup is just 17in so you can ride up basically anything. Coming down, the SRAM Level hydraulic brakes are more than sufficient for rigid-bike speeds. ●

Other options

**SONDER FRONTIER SX EAGLE RIGID**  
£849

The rigid-fork version of Sonder's keenly priced aluminium hardtail is available with 27.5+ wheels. [atpkit.com](http://atpkit.com)



**SURLY KRAMPUS**  
£2,099.99

The original plus bike is still steel but now has contemporary geometry and more frame fittings. Review last issue. [surlybikes.com](http://surlybikes.com)



**Verdict**

As a trail bike, the rigid Beyond+ is comfortable and engaging on anything short of black routes – despite a pedal-clattering bottom bracket drop seemingly designed for 29+ wheels. As a bikepacking bike, it ticks all the boxes save alternate hand positions.