

# MAKESHIFT

At Rodriguez Bicycles, we know Rohloff equipped bikes. Over the last several years, the MakeShift line of custom Rodriguez bicycles have become a standard of sorts in the industry, and one of our better selling models. We've developed and manufacture specific braze-on fittings, dropouts, and other unique exclusive features (like our stem mounted shifter doohickey) that make our Rohloff equipped bicycles something special. Our customers find our bikes easier to use and travel with. A lot of Rodriguez MakeShift customers select the travel upgrade for ease of taking their bike on vacation with them. Just like all Rodriguez bicycles, the MakeShift series is guaranteed to fit comfortably.



Rodriguez Bicycle Company builds the highest quality Rohloff equipped custom bicycles for less money than any other manufacturer in the United States. We have years of Rohloff experience that's built into every MakeShift we hand-build right here in Seattle. Our bicycles are guaranteed to fit more comfortably and last a lifetime.

**RELIABLE**

**FULL BIKE**

**FROM**

**\$3,299**



Low-Roller

\$3,299 or

\$3,999 (Travel version)

Hi-Roller Sport

\$4,399 or

\$5,099 (Travel version)

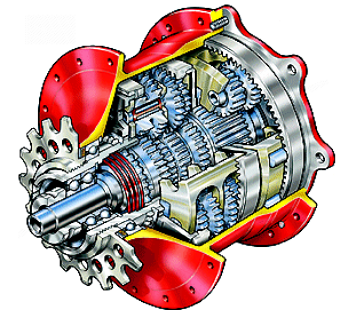
Hi-Roller Tour

\$4,499 or

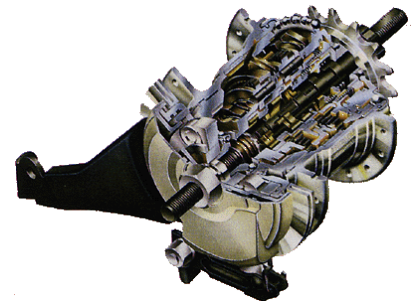
\$5,199 (Travel version)



Frame	Reynolds 725	Reynolds 725	Reynolds 725
Fork	Steel Tandem grade	Steel Lugged	Steel Tandem grade
Shift Levers	Shimano Alfine Rapid fire	Rohloff twist grip	Rohloff twist grip
Brake Levers	Tektro ATB	Tektro Ergo	Tektro Ergo
Brakes	Tektro Cantilever	Tektro Dual Pivot	Tektro Cantilever
Bottom Bracket	Shimano Sealed Bearing	Shimano Sealed Bearing	Shimano Sealed Bearing
Cranks	Origin 8 Alloy	Origin 8 Alloy	Origin 8 Alloy
Rear Hub	Shimano Alfine 11spd	Rohloff speedhub 14spd	Rohloff speedhub 14spd
Front Hub	Formula	Formula	Formula
Rims	Alex Adventurer 26"	Weinmann 650/700c	Alex Adventurer 26"
Spokes	Stainless 14G	Stainless 14G	Stainless 14G
Wheels	Hand-built 3-yr warranty	Hand-built 3-yr warranty	Hand-built 3-yr warranty
Tires	Serfas Seca	Kenda Kontender	Serfas Seca
Handlebar	Alloy flat bars	Kalloy Uno Drop	Kalloy Uno Drop
Head Set	FSA 1 1/8"	FSA 1 1/8" sealed	FSA 1 1/8" sealed
Bar tape	ATB grips	Black Cork	Black Cork
Seat post	Alloy 27.2	Alloy 27.2	Alloy 27.2
Seat	WTB Speed V	WTB Speed V	WTB Speed V



**SHIMANO**



## Parts Upgrade Options:

- Big-Squeeze™ Brakes - \$150 (Touring version only)
- Da Vinci Cranks - \$285
- Phil Wood Bottom Bracket - \$150
- Carbon Handlebar - \$250
- Carbon Seat Post - \$50
- Schmidt Generator front hub - \$250
- Shimano Dynamo front hub - \$130
- Custom stem mounted shifter doohickey - \$100
- Avid Disc Brakes (Rohloff bikes) - \$500  
(Includes brakes, hub upgrades, and braze-on upgrades)
- Avid Disc Brakes (Alfine bikes) - \$300
- Gates Centertrack Belt Drive - \$500

## Frame Specific Upgrades:

- Custom Paint - \$100 ~ \$400
- OX Platinum Tubing - \$300
- Custom Sizing - \$100
- Travel Version - \$699
- Carbon Fork - \$250 (Sport Version)
- Custom Kickstand mount - \$45

Parts specifications subject to change  
depending on availability

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## What is a Rohloff?

Rohloff is a German company that has designed and built the Rohloff Speedhub for several years now. The design is like a really high tech version of your old 3-speed hub. 14 gears are housed inside the rear hub. The reason for the design is to eliminate the use of derailleurs on your bike.

### "Do I want Rohloff?"

Over the last several years, we've built a number of bikes using this hub, and the customers like them. Most of these customers have come in asking for a Rohloff equipped bike, and had already studied and made that decision before talking with us.

The reason that these people chose the Rohloff hub is for ease of shifting, lower maintenance, and perceived 'ease of use'. The reason I use the word perceived is because a Rohloff bicycle frame can be designed in such a way as to make changing the rear tire much more difficult.

The Rohloff hub presents some specific design challenges when building the frame to keep things 'user friendly'. A lot of Rohloff equipped bikes have a 'make shift' style engineering to address these challenges. The crew here at R+E Cycles have developed some techniques that distinguish our Rodriguez Rohloff bikes from the other brands, and make our bikes not only look better, but work much better as well.

R+E Cycles 'ease of use' engineering for Rohloff equipped bikes:

Chain adjustment - We use a Bushnell Eccentric bottom bracket (ebb) for chain adjustment on our Rohloff bicycles. This makes it much, much easier to remove and install the rear wheel, as well as adjust the chain tension when needed. Using the Bushnell ebb also ensures that the bike is equipped with the lightest and most accepted ebb available. This is the same mechanism we use to adjust the timing chain on our tandems, as well as a recommended product by Rohloff themselves. (Read more about the Bushnell ebb at [www.bushnelltandems.com](http://www.bushnelltandems.com))

Dropouts and braze-ons - The Rohloff hub requires special rear dropouts (where the rear wheel bolts on) and cable braze-ons specifically designed for the hub. At R+E Cycles, we machine our own design of Rohloff dropouts and cable braze-ons that allow for much easier removal and reinstallation of the rear wheel.

We even have people with other brands of Rohloff equipped bicycles bring their bike in to have our braze-ons installed. We've seen a lot of Rohloff equipped bicycles that don't take these concerns into their designs. If not properly thought out, a Rohloff rear hub can make removing the rear wheel a big chore, and may even require you to adjust your shifting every time after reinstalling the wheel. At R+E Cycles, we are always designing for comfort as well as reliability and ease of use. This adds to the short term cost of the bicycle, but the first time you have a flat tire, it pays for itself.

## Pros and Cons of a Rohloff Speedhub

### Pros:

- No fuss: The sealed gearbox ensures reliability and durability even under the toughest conditions. The even increments of 13.6% from gear to gear make it possible to always ride at the performance peak. There is no overlap in the gear range, so all 14 gears are usable. In a traditional 27 speed set-up, you've only got about 14 usable gears anyway.

### Cons:

- Cost: Many people assume that the price will be lower than traditional set-up because there are fewer components to buy. Actually, the price of the hub added to the additional amount of customization required on the frame makes the total price higher than a derailleur set-up. Look at it like a Swiss watch.

- Versatility: Since the gear ratio is pre-set, you cannot change the range of gearing between high and low. You can change the front chain ring or rear cog but it will affect the whole range. In short, if you want a 'lower' low gear, then all your gears have to be lower and visa versa.

- Noise: Some of the gears can be a little bit 'rumbly' or 'noisy'. Not real bad, but if you are kind of 'obsessive' about such things, and you've already resigned yourself to the noise of a derailleur set-up, you should try one out before investing in it.

