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← Greater stopping power and bigger tyre clearances give the Krypton XRoad a taste for trails as well as tarmac

↓ Disc brakes are present on the Krypton XRoad but are paired to normal quick releases rather than thru-axle versions

↑ A Di2 electric Ultegra groupset takes care of shifting and a compact chainset keeps gears easy to spin on all terrains



HIGHS
Handling, comfort and speed in spades

LOWS
Relatively limited off-road capabilities

BUY IF
You want a superb endurance bike that's good for the occasional dirt road excursion



Road speed still comes easily to the Krypton XRoad, despite its off-road adaptations



Will the Campagnolo-equipped GTR SL gain a Chorus of approval?

WILIER GTR SL CHORUS

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Wilier's GTR SL chassis stood out among its competitors in our recent bike of the year awards, with the Shimano Ultegra-equipped model taking top honours in the £2000-£2750 category.

We found the SL frameset a real joy to ride. Its geometry may be race biased, but it's not so extreme that the less flexible of us will find it a back-breaking experience. The rear triangle, meanwhile, has the perfect amount of compliance required to prevent what is a stiff machine feeling choppy over rougher surfaces. The steering response is both direct and stable, which adds to its smooth, controlled feel.

So what do you get for your extra cash? Well, this has a spec that's as Italian as the brand itself. Braking and gear changes come courtesy of Campagnolo's

beautifully finished Chorus groupset, which has a punchy yet smooth shifting action. The combination of the pro-compact 52/36 chainset and 12-29 cassette offers plenty of top-end speed and decent low gears for climbing. The wheels are Campagnolo's light, semi-aero Zondas with their distinctive spoking. Zaffiro's Pro tyres do look a little low rent on a three-grand bike, and FSA's mid-range Energy bar and stem also seem out of a place on an otherwise well-appointed bike, though they continue the Italian theme. But the GTR SL's ride is absolutely beyond reproach.

SPECIFICATION

Weight 7.28kg (L)
Frame Carbon fibre
Fork Carbon fibre
Gears Campagnolo Chorus, 52/36, 12-29
Brakes Campagnolo Chorus
Wheels Campagnolo Zonda
Finishing kit FSA Energy stem and bar, Promax carbon seatpost, Selle San Marco Aspide saddle, 25mm Vittoria Zaffiro Pro tyres

THE VERDICT

Same great Wilier chassis as our Bike of the Year machine with added Latin flavour

