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FLO 60/90 Carbon Clincher/Tubeless-Ready

\$1,149, Flocycling.com

The draw: Lots of science for very little loot. Despite boasting the lowest price tag of any wheels tested, the FLO 60/90 still performs admirably against wheels that cost three times as much. The 90mm rear rim provides a very stiff ride, but the depth and rim shape are wind tunnel and CFD tested to create a slippery profile. Though the wheelset costs about the same as other brands' front or rear wheel alone, the FLO 60/90 is tubeless-ready and comes with many of the same extras. For anyone looking to upgrade to a race wheel and still have enough money for food, the FLO 60/90 combination is a great place to start.
1,724 grams

Reynolds Aero 80 Carbon

Clincher/Tubeless-Ready

\$2,499, Reynoldscycling.com

The draw: Flat-out speed with a smooth ride

Most deep wheelsets are fast on flats and down hills, but rough on the behind. The Reynolds Aero 80 are different. Despite having a wind-cheating 80mm profile that works great in all but the wildest crosswinds, the Aero 80 doesn't feel as unforgiving as many of the other extra deep rims. The smooth ride coupled with a still surprisingly responsive attack and top-notch braking make this wheelset the perfect choice for bigger riders who can hold down a deep front wheel but don't want their bones shaken to bits.
1,797 grams

Vittoria Qurano 60 Carbon

Clincher/Tubeless-Ready

\$2,250, Vittoria.com

The draw: Tool-free cassette changes

Vittoria only recently entered the wheel game in the past two years, but its new offerings are coupled perfectly with some of the historically best tires available. The Qurano 60 wrapped in the company's Corso Speed tubeless tire proved to be the smoothest ride we tested. Despite such a comfortable ride, the Quranos still hold momentum and roll as fast, if not faster, than similar-depth rims. For long-course athletes looking for all-day comfort and constant, straight-line speed, this wheelset is for you. Added bonus: Vittoria's very cool SwitchIT freewheel hub allows tool-free cassette changes.
1,570 grams

