



Zipp

303 FIRECREST CCL

LIGHTER, MORE AERO AND EASIER TO HANDLE: IS THIS CARBON CLINCHER THE ULTIMATE ALL-ROUNDER?

The original 303 was one of Zipp's most successful wheels in pro racing being ridden to victory in the Tour De France, Paris Roubaix and the Tour of Flanders to name a few.

The clincher 303 Firecrest has been on the horizon for quite a while now. With the revamped design, using the Firecrest principles, it's claimed to be both faster and better handling than the previous 303 design. The Firecrest rim shape widens the tyre bed and using a Zipp Tangente tyre you'll have the optimum shape with the tyres' more rounded profile matching the curve of the carbon rims' spoke bed perfectly. The forward facing edge of the rear of the wheel mirrors the leading edge profile. This has the effect of creating a more balanced aerodynamic ability when it's spinning through the air.

This means that the Firecrest design copes much better in blustery conditions; in fact we noticed a significant improvement in windy riding over the Mavic Kysrium's usually that adorn our test bike. That's surprising in itself as the Kysrium is a low profile wheel with little in the way of aerodynamics. At 1,579g for the pair these are pretty lightweight, and while you can find lighter standard road wheels, you won't find ones with aerodynamics to match these. If your season looks like it will include plenty of hilly road work in competition then we can't think of a better wheel set to be riding with.

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