



One of the popular refrains of the small-company bike builders is that no matter what they come up with, if it works, they'll get ripped off by the bigger bike companies. Chris Herting of **3-D** has experienced this phenomenon a few times, so he came to us in hopes that we could at least document his newest design before someone tries to copy it. Herting's new downhill frameset—appropriately dubbed the Zerox—has 4.2 inches of rear travel and is constructed with Easton Elite tubes. It goes for \$2,150 (including the rear shock). 970/385-7840

DIAMONDBACK'S new downhill bike was the first born from the company's new 5,000-square-foot R&D facility. The bike sports a Titus-made frame and an overall weight of 34 pounds. Its bottom bracket height is 15.5 inches (without sag). At presstime, this was the only such version in the world. But by the time you read this (and by the start of the World Cup circuit in Spain) there will be four more bikes, reflecting drawing-board changes. There are currently no production plans for this team-issue-only bike.

