

TJ Cycles

FRAME DESCRIPTIONS

The ‘Dovedale’ £1150

This frame is designed for the person who likes a clean minimalist look. A high quality non-ornate cast set of lugs and bottom bracket are used. The cast rear dropouts can be horizontal or vertical. We can also offer track ends if preferred.

The ‘Dovedale’ is built using Reynolds 631 tubing (we can build using 725 or 853 for an additional cost) and the frame comes with a classic handbuilt fork with a 1 inch threaded or threadless steerer.

A quality headset is included (approximate value £50) and both frame and fork are finished in one colour as standard (lug-lining, chroming or contrasting panels would incur additional cost). All ‘Flying Gate’ decals are fitted under the lacquer.

Braze-ons included:

One set of bottle cage bosses on down tube; traditional gear lever or ‘ergo’ bosses on down tube; rear brake and gear cable stops; bottom bracket gear cable guide (plastic) and mudguard eyes. The fork crown and rear brake bridge accommodate allen key brake fixing bolts.

The ‘Dovedale Deluxe’ £1300

This frame is designed for the person who would like that little bit extra. The ‘Dovedale Deluxe’ features nicely shaped cast lugs and bottom bracket. There will be extra detail on lug work here, which will lend itself to lug-lining or chroming. For this reason, this model is not a great deal more than the standard ‘Dovedale’ thus affording you the opportunity to consider a colour scheme to enhance the detail.

The ‘Dovedale Deluxe’ is built using Reynolds 631 tubing (we can build using 725 or 853 for an additional cost) and the frame comes with a classic handbuilt fork with a 1 inch threaded or threadless steerer.

A quality headset is included (approximate value £50) and both frame and fork are finished in one colour as standard – see our frame extras price sheet for lug-lining, chroming or contrasting panels. All ‘Flying Gate’ decals are fitted under the lacquer.

Braze-ons included:

One set of bottle cage bosses on down tube; traditional gear lever or ‘ergo’ bosses on down tube; rear brake and gear cable stops; bottom bracket gear cable guide (plastic) and mudguard eyes. The fork crown and rear brake bridge accommodate allen key brake fixing bolts.

Both ‘Dovedale’ frames can be built for touring, Audax or singlespeed use.

The ‘Diana’ £1500

This frame really moves into the classic world with beautiful Fleur-de-Lys lugs, bottom bracket, fork crown, dropouts and bottle cage surrounds. You can still choose either a horizontal or vertical rear dropout and along with all the other features we build into this frame, heads will turn so you best look the part!

The ‘Diana’ is built using Reynolds 631 tubing (or we can build using 725 or 853 for an additional cost) and the frame comes with a classic handbuilt fork with a 1 inch threaded or threadless steerer.

A quality headset is included (approximate value £50) and both frame and fork are finished in one colour as standard – see our frame extras price sheet for lug-lining, chroming or contrasting panels. All ‘Flying Gate’ decals are fitted under the lacquer.

Braze-ons included:

One set of bottle bosses on down tube; traditional gear lever or ‘ergo’ bosses on down tube; rear brake and gear cable stops; bottom bracket gear cable guide (plastic); mudguard eyes and the fork crown/rear brake bridge accommodate allen key brake fixing bolts.

The ‘Jupiter’ £1900

This frame takes you into the ‘Rolls Royce’ class. The hand-crafted lugs have been designed by Trevor Jarvis. They really are his crowning glory with their majestic detail and will certainly attract much admiration.

This is our ultimate frame taking many hours to build and refine, ready for a rather special finish. The ‘Jupiter’ is an exceptional frameset built exactly to your requirements. This frame will be your pride and joy. Keep it clean and polished and watch out, it will want its own ‘garage’.

The ‘Jupiter’ is built using Reynolds 631 tubing although we can build using 725 or 853 for an additional cost. The accompanying classic handbuilt fork is built with a 1 inch threaded or threadless steerer.

A quality headset is included (approximate value £50) and both frame and fork would be finished in one colour as standard. As this is a very special frame, we would discuss the cost of the frame finishing with you to your requirements. All ‘Flying Gate’ decals are fitted under the lacquer.

Braze-ons included:

One set of bottle bosses on down tube; traditional gear lever or ‘ergo’ bosses on down tube; rear brake and gear cable stops; bottom bracket gear cable guide (plastic); mudguard eyes and the fork crown/rear brake bridge accommodate allen key brake fixing bolts.

The ‘Flying Gate’ Tandem £2695.00

Our ‘Flying Gate’ tandem frame is like no other. Its unique design gives a remarkable degree of rigidity and responsive handling. ‘Flying Gate’ tandem owners say that it handles like a solo. This feedback is hugely valuable and over the past 35 years has enabled us to build what we consider to be a truly outstanding classic British tandem frame.

The frame geometry and design means we don’t need to use oversize or thicker tubing, making the frame advantageously light. However, significant attention is still given to the stress areas; the forks and down tube where extra strength is required. Our technique in combining these factors is unique to TJ Cycles.

In keeping with every other type of frame we build, our tandem frames are bespoke for each of our customer’s unique requirements. We therefore do not offer an off-the-peg specification. As a starting point, the above price includes a Reynolds 631 frame with plain cast lugs, cantilever front and rear brake bosses, rear disc brake mount, rear luggage rack eyelets, mudguard eyelets and braze-ons for three bottle cages complete with a headset and sprayed in a single colour.



Something different?

We hope you have found the frame model you dearly want to own and ride. It is our wish to build the best for you. If you should require anything that we have not shown please let us know – we can do the impossible but it will add a couple of weeks to the delivery date!

HOW OUR FRAME NAMES WERE CHOSEN...

The ‘Dovedale’

When Trevor established TJ Cycles in 1979, he designed two very successful road and time trial frames. A touring model was an obvious addition to the fleet due to the responsiveness of the ‘Flying Gate’ frame and its capacity to carry heavy loads.

In deciding on a model name, he remembered the first valley he road down in 1950 with the Burton-on-Trent CTC. That valley was the ‘Dovedale’ in the Peak district. Back then it was not as accessible as now with only stepping-stones to cross the river. Trevor recalls the club members wobbling across with bikes and tandems precariously balanced. Great rides always have a story and the ‘Dovedale’ represents this spirit of adventure.

The ‘Diana’

The first frame Trevor built using these petite Fleur-de-Lys lugs looked amazing but he had difficulty finding a suitable name for it. Then came the tragic death of Princess Diana. As a tribute and in deep respect for Diana, this new model name was born.

The ‘Jupiter’

On leaving school in 1949 Trevor was asked what he wanted to be, “an engineer” was his reply. He was offered two apprenticeships one in his hometown of Burton and one at Bradford. Mothers being mothers, the decision was made that her little son should stay in Burton.

Fast forward to 1991 when Trevor was asked by Ron Kitching to be a guest at the Yorkshire Road Club 100th dinner along with all the big names in cycling at the time. Trevor hadn’t fully appreciated why he had been invited but the reason was very clear to everyone there – he was there in recognition for the work he had done promoting the ‘Flying Gate’ – a Yorkshire product.

At the dinner Trevor was seated next to Reg Baines, which was in fact their first meeting as Trevor had always dealt with Bill Baines, Reg’s brother. It was Reg who originally designed the ‘Flying Gate’ in 1934 (commonly known then as the Whirlwind) when he worked as a draughtsman at Jowett Cars in Bradford. As Trevor and Reg discussed their history the final twist revealed itself. The other apprenticeship Trevor was offered back in ’49 was a job at Jowett Cars! Both were left wondering what might have been but they also marvelled at what in fact has been.

So in honour of the legendry Jowett ‘Jupiter’ and the connection that was clearly meant to be - the latest ‘Flying Gate’ model name was chosen with lugs appropriately hand-drafted by Trevor Jarvis.

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