



# DARK MATTER

ARGON 18



**DARK  
MATTER**

# HIT THE DIRT. HIT IT FAST.

Go way off the beaten path with this gravel racer featuring a true road race-inspired geometry derived from Argon 18's legendary race bikes. It may be more stable, it may sport big tires, yet the *DARK MATTER* is so responsive that it will change the gravel bike game forever. Some will blaze the trail; on the *DARK MATTER*, you will torch it.



## TO THE END OF THE PAVED ROAD AND BEYOND

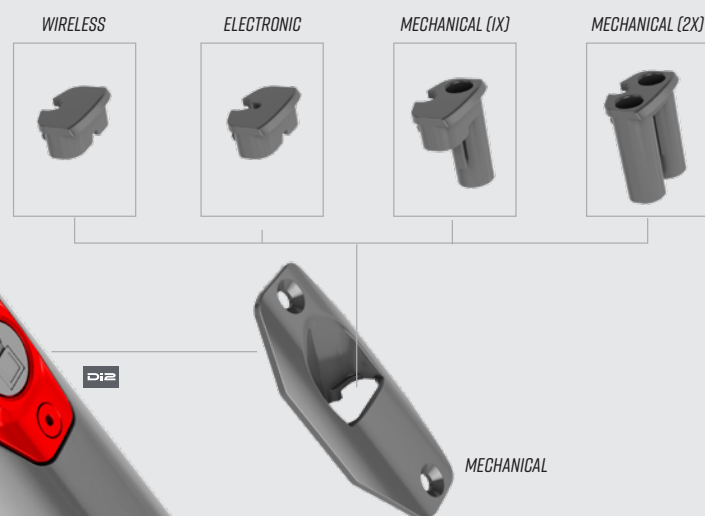
When we set out to design the Dark Matter, we made sure not to come up with just another gravel bike. Our vision was to build a true gravel racer: a fast dirt road bike with a geometry adapted from our celebrated road frames. We wanted a bike offering improved stability but with a racing behavior, a bike that would feel just as fast and responsive on the trail that it would on the road. Mission accomplished.

**ARGON 18**



# DARK MATTER

WHEN WE DESIGNED THIS BIKE, NOT ONLY DID WE WANT TO SET IT APART FROM OTHER GRAVEL BIKES WITH ITS GEOMETRY, WE ALSO WANTED IT TO BE A TRULY MODERN BIKE AND THEREFORE IT BENEFITS FROM OUR LATEST TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDING THE MODULAR CONSOLE AND THE **3DPLUS** SYSTEM.



## CLEAN EFFICIENT SMART

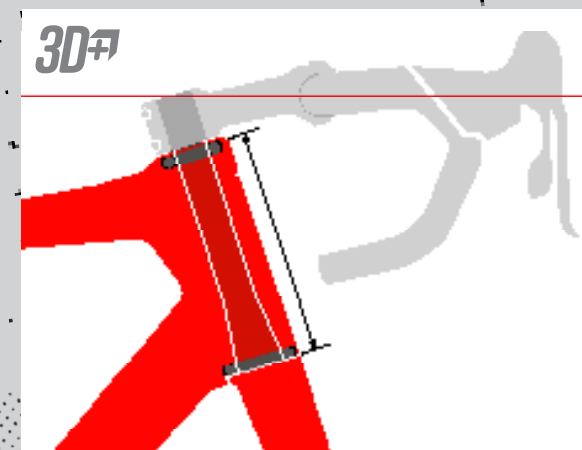
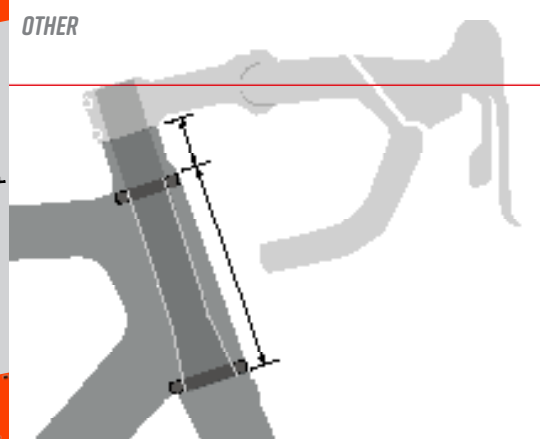
Our modular console is a clean and efficient cable management system, perfectly integrated in the downtube.

It hides the Di2 junction box in the frame, and keeps our frames compatible with all modern transmissions.

## SEAMLESS INTEGRATION

An essential characteristic of this new frame design is our fully integrated **3DPLUS** system. It delivers all the handling and stiffness benefits of the original 3D system in a streamlined package that merges seamlessly with the frame.

To provide maximum height adjustability, it comes with three different cap options (0 mm, 15 mm and 30 mm).



### PURE AND SIMPLE

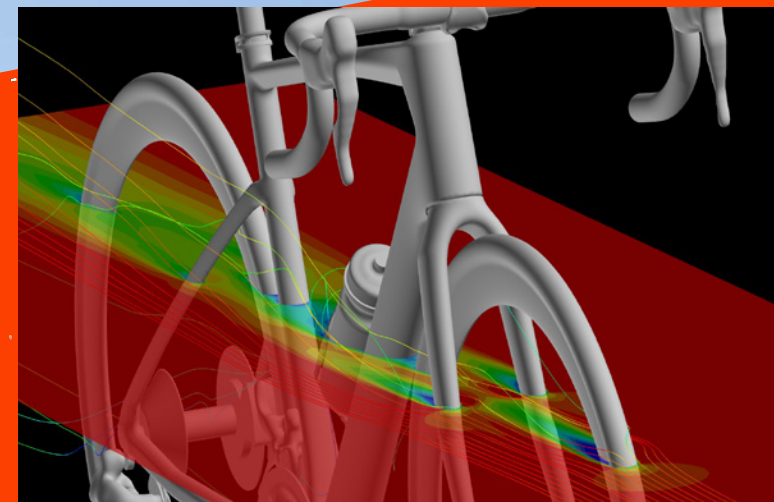
Sometimes a picture is truly worth a thousand words! Not only does the **3DPLUS** system provide better headtube height adjustability than most other bikes, its full integration into the frame preserves the handling qualities. This is not true for traditional headtubes stacked up with spacers.



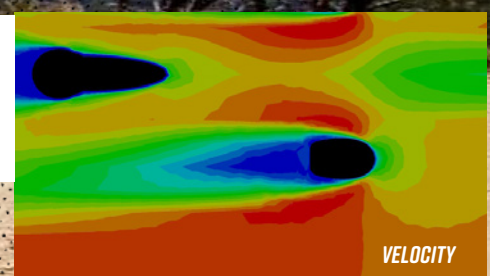
AS WITH OUR ENDURANCE BIKES, WE DESIGNED THE DARK MATTER TO BE COMFORTABLE WITHOUT SACRIFICING PERFORMANCE. **THUS AERODYNAMICS WERE CRUCIAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT PHASE.**

On any true performance bike, better aerodynamics help the rider save time and energy over longer distances. This becomes very important for any cyclist on an allroad bike who, after spending long hours riding, wants to get to the top of the last climb with aplomb.

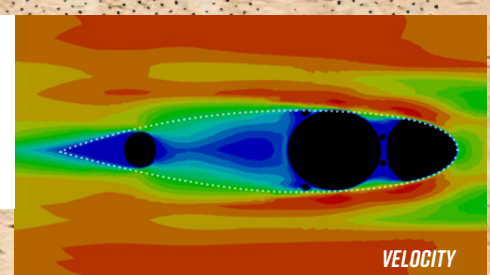
Here again, our years of experience designing world class race, triathlon, and track bikes with serious aerodynamic credentials were put to good use.



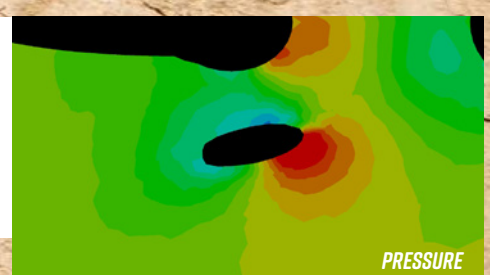
**FORK**  
The new fork uses a truncated foil design that optimizes airflow off the leading edge of the bike. This is balanced with the **TCS** (Topological Compliance System).

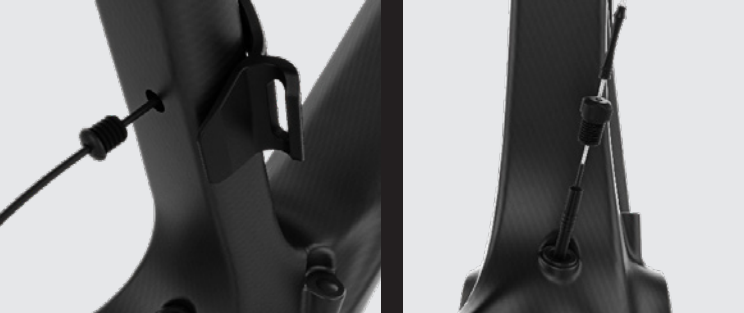


**DOWNTUBE**  
The starting point for the downtube shape was the nose of a foil. We refined the design to maximize airflow between the downtube and the bottle and made adjustments that ensured aerodynamic efficiency across the entire length.



**SEAT STAYS**  
We've adapted the Kryptons' **Asymmetric Hybrid Airfoil** seat stay design for the Dark Matter. The design's shape is compliant with our **TCS** and generates a low-pressure system on the inside of the seat stay blade that smooths rough air caused by the wheels motion.





### REMOVABLE FRONT DERAILLEUR HANGER

FOR CLEAN LOOKING INSTALLATION

OF 1X CRANKSET;  
frame compatible with 46/30T  
to 52/36T or 1x46T (max)

### INTEGRATED CHAIN CATCHER

THIS IS A GRAVEL BIKE SO S!\$# DOES HAPPEN!

Note: The chain catcher comes in two lengths  
to accommodate different chainring sizes and can be  
removed when bike is built with 1x  
for cleaner look



### DIRECT MOUNT REAR DERAILLEUR HANGER

FOR OPTIMAL INSTALLATION OF SHIMANO  
REAR DERAILLEURS

### FRAME PROTECTOR

PROTECTION OF THE LOWER PART OF THE DOWNTUBE,  
EASY ACCESS TO THE INTERNAL CABLE ROUTING AND  
THIRD WATER BOTTLE MOUNT



### INLAID CHAINSUCK PROTECTOR WITH INTEGRATED DRAIN HOLE

PROTECTION OF THE CARBON CHAINSTAY AGAINST  
WEAR FROM THE CHAIN'S MOVEMENT AND CHAINSUCKS



### SILICONE CHAIN STAY PROTECTOR

'NUFF SAID



### FLAT MOUNT DISC BRAKES

FOR 140 OR 160MM ROTORS

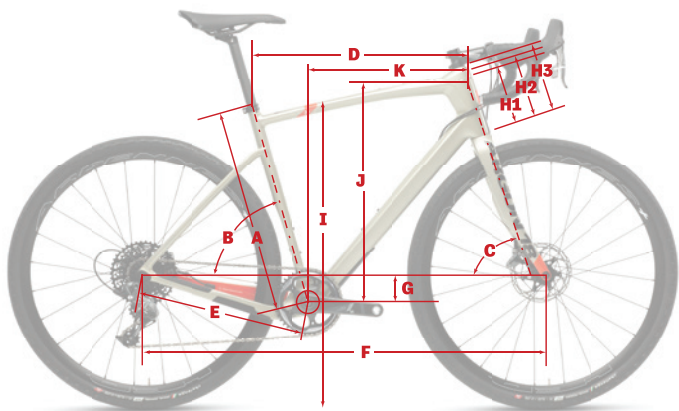


### TIRE CLEARANCE UP TO 45MM

FOR MAXIMUM TRACTION  
ON ANY ROAD SURFACE  
\*40C WITH FENDERS-OR  
IF BUILT WITH SRAM ETAP  
FRONT DERAILLEUR

ARGON 18





GEOMETRY

SIZE CLASSIC		XXS 44-46	XS 47-50	S 51-53	M 54-56	L 57-59	XL 60-62
A	Seat Tube Height	cm	42.0	45.0	48.5	52.0	59.0
B	Seat Tube Angle	deg	75.5	74.9	74.3	73.7	72.5
C	Head Tube Angle	deg	69.5	71.0	71.4	72.0	72.5
D	Top Tube Length*	cm	49.2	51.3	53.4	55.6	60.3
E	Chainstay Length	cm	42.8	42.8	42.8	42.8	42.8
F	Wheelbase	cm	100.8	101.1	102.4	103.0	105.9
G	BB Drop	cm	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
H1	HeadTube Length	cm	12.0	13.5	15.4	17.1	21.6
H2	(+ 15mm 3D+)	cm	13.5	15.0	16.9	18.6	23.1
H3	(+ 30mm 3D+)	cm	15.0	16.5	18.4	20.1	24.6
I	Standover Height†	cm	70.1	72.9	76.0	79.1	85.2

\*Horizontal Top Tube Length †Measured with 700x40c tires

FIT (STACK AND REACH)

<b>J</b>	<b>Stack</b>	cm	53.0	55.0	57.0	59.0	61.0	63.5
<b>K</b>	<b>Reach</b>	cm	35.6	36.7	37.7	38.7	39.7	40.7
<b>J</b>	<b>(15mm 3D+)</b>	cm	54.4	56.4	58.4	60.4	62.4	64.9
<b>K</b>	<b>(15mm 3D+)</b>	cm	35.1	36.2	37.2	38.2	39.2	40.2
<b>J</b>	<b>(30mm 3D+)</b>	cm	55.8	57.8	59.8	61.9	63.9	66.4
<b>K</b>	<b>(30mm 3D+)</b>	cm	34.6	35.7	36.7	37.8	38.8	39.8
<b>Saddle Height Min.†</b>		cm	52.0	55.0	58.5	62.0	65.5	69.0
<b>Saddle Height Max.†</b>		cm	74.0	77.0	80.5	84.0	87.5	91.0

†Measured From Middle of BB to Top of Saddle Along Seat tube

FRAMESET CHARACTERISTICS

AERO	-	+
COMFORT	-	+
STIFFNESS / RESPONSIVENESS	-	+
LIGHTNESS	-	+

Frame Weight: 1246g\* Max Tire Size: 45C (48mm)\*\* BB Standard: BB86  
Fork Weight: 495g Max Rim Size: N/A

\* Medium size frame, painted with no small parts  
\*\* 40C (43mm) with fenders / 35C (38mm) with SRAM eTap 2 x 12 / 28C (30mm) with SRAM eTap 2 x 11





*BREAK*  
**AWAY**