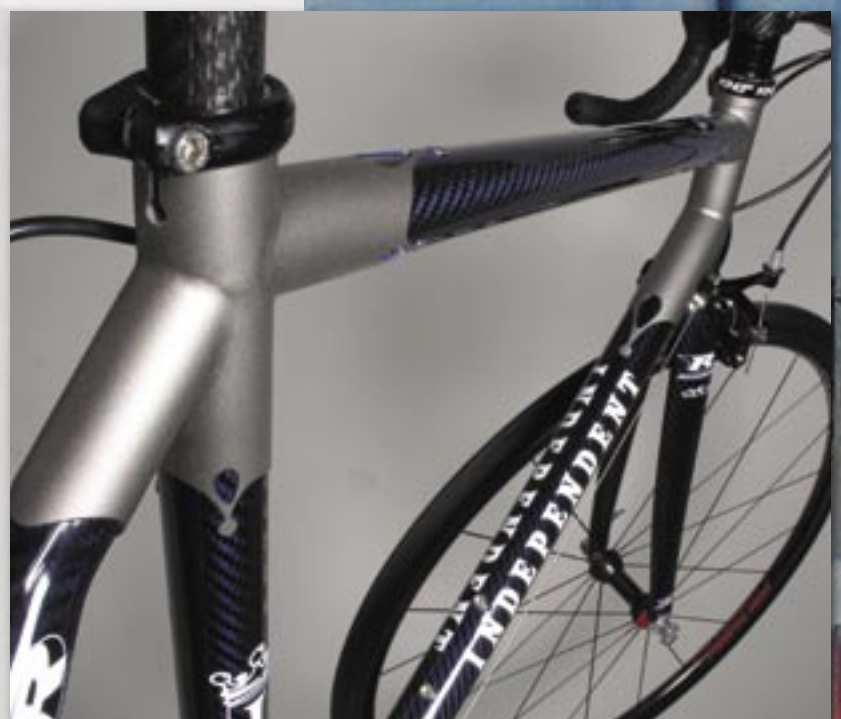


As far as we are concerned we have only one shot here in this life to make a difference. We have chosen to build bicycles, not as a job, but for a living, and not just for a living but as a lifestyle. We strive to be the masters of our own destiny. We set the standards high and reach for them. We build the finest framesets that we can. Every year we get better and as a result so do the frames. We live,



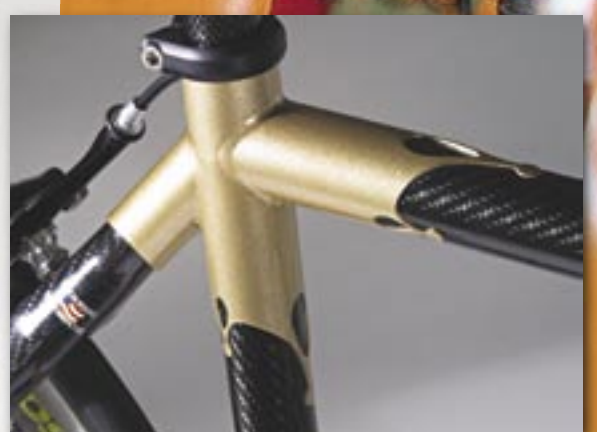
breathe, and consume every waking moment dreaming about how to refine them, make them lighter, stronger, and better fitting than ever. You can reap the benefits of our years of sacrifice, patience, and acquired knowledge and skills. The framesets we build are for sale; you can buy our blood, sweat, and tears. The closer you look the more you can feel the love. The beauty is in the details.

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"The XS goes beyond fantasy and actually becomes transformative; this is what it must feel like to be a top rider."

Bicycling, June 2005



XS

Winner of Bicycling Magazine's "Best Dream Road Bike" for 2005. The XS is a blend of two of the most exotic, technologically advanced and challenging materials in the cycling industry: titanium and carbon fiber. In this model we combine the classic styling of lugs with modern fabrication techniques and materials resulting in a true masterpiece of design and performance.



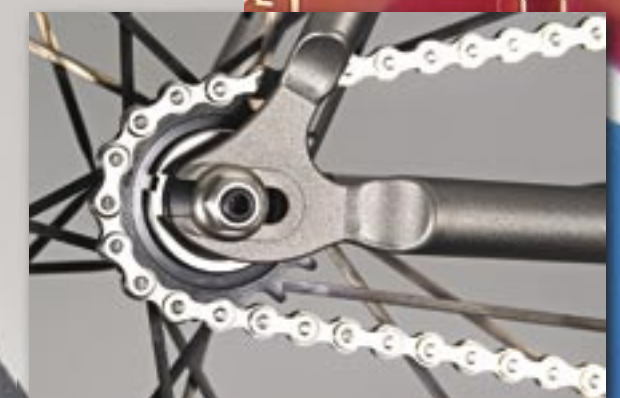
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"To say this bike gives a smooth ride is a real understatement! Not only was the ride itself flawless, but the geometry for us was spot-on."

ROAD Magazine
December 2004

"Loved it. I loved knowing the name of the guy who welded my frame, what the person who sprayed my machine looks like and what the hobby is of the person who packaged it up. But why, since it doesn't necessarily affect the functionality of the finished product? Because it makes it personal. It's like wine from the Champagne region of France, or an identical beverage produced in Australia. They may taste the same, but one has a history and a pedigree whilst the other is just a drink."

Chris Boardman
ProCycling
September 2004



Ti Crown Jewel

The Ti Crown Jewel is a very versatile and tunable frameset from a frame builder's perspective. The sheer amount and variety of different tubing that we have at our disposal creates the opportunity for us to thoroughly dial in all aspects of ride quality and fit requirements for the rider. Now, with the additional option of a Reynolds carbon fiber monostay, we can fine tune the feel of the ride even further.



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"Custom-made bikes are for riders looking for the ultimate in comfort and performance. Indy Fab's American-made steel and carbon Crown Jewel fit perfectly (thanks to an exhaustive six-page questionnaire) and felt super agile. Gone were the niggling aches I'd accepted as a normal part of every ride. Expensive? You bet. Worth it? Hell, yeah."

Men's Journal
June 2005

Crown Jewel/SE/SEC

The Crown Jewel comes as a steel frame and steel fork, the Crown Jewel SE comes with a Reynolds carbon fiber fork and a sterling silver headbadge, and the Crown Jewel SEC comes with the carbon fiber fork, silver headbadge and a Reynolds carbon fiber monostay. These three models round out our high performance steel road bike offerings. The weight and strength of these framesets rivals those of titanium and carbon fiber and ride quality of steel is the benchmark to which all other materials are gauged.



"Let me just say that this bike rules!!! No question about it, steel is King in my book."

Tim Schamber
Editor
ROAD Magazine

Crown Jewel Factory Lightweight

This frameset is an exercise in pushing the limits of modern steel. Every aspect of this frame has been dialed in to maximize its potential. It may be the lightest frameset we make, depending on the rider specific tubeset and geometry. It incorporates the newest steel technologies from the most innovative tube manufacturers in the industry. Look to this frameset in the future to represent the best in steel tubing as it becomes available.



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Inventing

"There may be no better rig than the Club Racer. In an era of curves and carbon, the Club Racer is straight-laced steel for the ages."

Richard Fries
The Ride Magazine
February 2005



Club Racer

This frameset incorporates traditional road bike geometry coupled with all of the options for light touring. It is designed for use with long reach caliper brakes to accommodate fenders and slightly larger tires. It also includes front and rear rack mounts and a pump peg. The Club Racer makes an excellent commuter bike, rainy day trainer, or light touring rig. It is available in steel or titanium and with or without S&S couplings.

"My IF never failed me whether I was crossing the second highest road in the world (Taglong La in Northern India at an altitude 17,583ft), herding Yakon the 15,000ft high plains of Tibet, or even when it fell over a 60deg, 30-50ft cliff and smashed on the road below."

Don Perrault
Brighton, MA



Independence

This is an expedition level, long distance, fully custom, touring specific frame and fork. The Independence is an extremely durable and time tested world traveler equipped with all of the necessary options to handle a fully loaded tour. This frame is available in either steel or titanium, with or without S&S couplings, and comes with an IF steel touring fork.



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Steel & Titanium Planet Cross

The Planet Cross is a podium placing purebred cyclocross racing machine (say that fast 3 times). It has geometry and features that are specific to the requirements of the brutal races that it competes in. It has added chainstay clearance for rapid evacuation of mud, a tall bottom bracket for clearing obstacles, ample room in the mainframe for portaging, and a front end that maximizes its handling characteristics. The fully custom Planet Cross is available in either steel (above) or titanium (right).



Titanium Planet Cross
shown with S&S couplings.



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Tungsten Electrode

We have pushed ourselves, our designer, and our suppliers the limit to create this beast. The Tungsten Electrode is totally revolutionary, featuring a fully custom shotpeened titanium front triangle mated to 100mm of dw-link suspension technology. It is only available as an ultra light weight and super efficient purebred cross country racing machine.

Every DW-LINK frame's squat profile is optimized for its intended use through the application of complex computer analysis and a custom designed data acquisition system that measures suspension performance on the trail. In fact, the DW-LINK frames are tuned to be so efficient, that most shocks supplied with the frames are custom-tuned units that run up to 3X! less compression damping than similar non-DW-LINK bikes.



"We took it on the first couple of hills and discovered that we were getting nearly full travel out of the bike, without it bobbing in the slightest. The sort of bike you want to climb with, to sprint and then to thrash down the hill again."

Singletrack Magazine
August 2004

Following are the basic principles of physics that were taken into account when designing this suspension system:

1) Every rider has a mass. For a person seated on a bike, a theoretical point just in front of his or her navel represents their "center of mass."

2) Newton's Third law of Motion states that "Every action has an equal and opposite reaction." When a bicycle accelerates forward, the rider's mass is transferred rearward. Without something to counteract this mass transfer, the rear suspension on most bicycles will compress under acceleration. This mass transfer as a reaction to acceleration is what riders' have come to know as "bob."

3) "Pedal feedback" is a result of radically changing aligned chainstay lengths (the distance from the center of the BB to the center of the rear axle). The less radical of a change in aligned chainstay length, the less pedal feedback can be felt.

4) Extra damping is not a substitute for an efficient suspension system. Less compression damping lets your suspension react to smaller imperfections on the trail and aids in traction while cornering and climbing.

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PATENT PENDING



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Swearing
Sculpting
Communicating
Complimenting

"This bike out climbs any bike out there, and blows them away on the descents as well."

Ken Bloomer
2004 & 2005 NORBA Regional Mountain
States Cup Series Single Speed Champion



"뛰어난 품질을 보여주는 공국의 커스텀 바이크"
- 바이시클 라이프 -
Bicycle Life Magazine
June 2005

"There's no shortage of ultra high quality titanium frame builders, but few are talked about with the hushed tones reserved for Independent Fabrication. Bike sniffers in search of flawless welding treat the microscopic ripples of the impeccably connected tubes with a religious reverence."

MountainBike Magazine
March 2005



Titanium & Steel Deluxe

The Deluxe (in titanium on left or steel on this page) is the result of many years of refinement and experience. Its genes date back to the beginning of New England mountain biking and has evolved to become the king of custom hardtails. Its versatile platform can be manipulated to accept 29" wheels and/or be built as a singlespeed (as shown above). Each frame is built as a frameset, designed specifically for the build height and offset of a specific fork (rigid or suspension) guaranteeing ideal handling characteristics.



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Teaching
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PAINT

Independent Fabrication is renowned for creating the best paint jobs in the industry. Our mission, in the Independent Fabrication paint department, is to help you to understand what your choices are and how to go about realizing your dreams in color.

A. Basic Paint (level of difficulty: low)

We offer 23 stock paint colors that cover the range of popular basic colors, metallics, and pearls. You can choose any one of these colors and paint your new steel IF as a solid color at no additional charge. Basic Paint options for Titanium in 2006: For \$100 MSRP you can paint your new titanium IF with a solid color, 3/4 paint job, or painted panels on the seat tube and down tube. If you still find yourself wanting more custom paint on our titanium frames please have your IF authorized dealer contact us for a quote. For Ti frames with no paint: you have 6 choices of decals marked below with an *.

B. Basic Paint with Custom Masking (level of difficulty: medium to high)

You can have any number of things done with all the stock colors available for 2006. Examples are shown in detail on the current IF web site (ifbikes.com) in the Custom Paint Gallery. This includes flames, painted-in panels, team panels and many others. All of these things come at an extra cost due to the high level of detail and labor hours involved. Just like every other department, our P.P.G certified paint department is set up for custom work and is constantly looking at new ideas and processes to make your dreams come true, in color.

C. Custom Colors (level of difficulty: depends on which custom paints you desire as some require special application techniques)

This is for those customers who know what they want but don't see that special color on our stock color list. Do you want to match your new frame to your car, or do you just want something unique? Whether you decide on colors we do not stock, candies, pearls, prizmatiques, tints added to the clear coat of your basic paint, or harlequins, which change color depending on the angle of the light, we've got your new frame covered. We may need to color match and/or special order the paint, but have no fear, we can match, or come close to matching, almost anything. Warning: Some custom colors are extremely expensive (like up to \$4,500.00 per gallon for some harlequins), you've been warned.

D. Customs Colors & Custom Masking (level of difficulty: high)

Are you driven by the need to have it all? Many of these types of paint jobs require extensive paint room consultations and push the limits of just what two hands can do. If it can be done technically to perfection and you are the type of person who doesn't like to hear the word NO, we are ready to do it. Over the past years, we have painted many exotic paint schemes, some of which have out priced the cost of our frames. What drives the price of painting a frame to this level? It's all the extra hours of hand labor, creative consultation, and special paints that are sold by the ounce. Examples of these styles of paint jobs will slowly be added to our Custom Paint Gallery on our website throughout the year. So, if you have the itch that just can't be scratched, look no further for relief.



Stock Colors

1. Gloss Black (9300)
2. Carbon Metallic (36208)
3. Shark Grey Pearl (27793)
4. Platinum (4820) Yellow on Green Decal*
5. Silver Metallic (36395)
6. White (8001)
7. Vanilla Shake (90990)
8. Porter Pink (51848)
9. Eric Roman Pink (51588)

10. Corsa Red (75250) Clear on Silver Decal
11. Omaha Orange (60807) Black on White Decal*
12. Mustard (83456)
13. Bright Yellow (83033)
14. Hot Lime (46973) Clear on Black Decal
15. Quetzal Green Metallic (47612)
16. Emerald Green (47748)
17. Split Pea Pearl (45802) Silver on Black Decal*
18. Baby Blue (12077) Pink on White Decal

19. Evening Blue (17039) White on Black Decal*
20. Intense Blue Pearl (5357)
21. Midnight Blue Metallic (190691) Yellow on Black Decal*
22. Iron Ore Metallic (27795)
23. Black Cherry (73922)

Special Colors (\$200msrp)

24. Candy Absinthe (45884/82623) Clear on White Decal
25. Glitter Gold (83678 with gold flake)



Special "Straight Edge No Boxes" (above) Decals are available in white, silver, and black (on painted frames only).

NOTE: The colors shown in this catalog and on the web are not actual paint. Depending on light and your computer's monitor, the actual paint color may vary.



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Consoling
Melting
Reprimanding

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Brian

Keith

Jason

Joe

Joel

Shawn

Matt

Shanna

Jamie

Tyler

Lloyd

Jill

Employee/Owners

Just like the tubing that makes up the bicycles that we build, we depend on each other. This is a company built on a foundation of ideals, a social experiment that continues to astound the world. Together, we have grown, evolved, and pushed our limits. We are Independent Fabrication.



"The IF team takes obvious pride in the precision that they bring to each bike they produce."

Ali Velshi
CNN Anchor



"First generation entrepreneurs."

Jeff Schwartz
CEO Timberland Corp.



THE IF CUSTOM PROCESS

The greatest reward you will notice when you first throw your leg over your new IF is how well it fits. From the initial discussion about your custom frame purchase with your IF dealer to the delivery of your frame, our goal is to make you more than happy with your purchase. To make this possible, we strongly recommend that you first visit your local authorized IF dealer and have a custom fitting done. Why? No matter how well we design, machine, tack, weld, finish, paint, and package your new IF frame; if it doesn't fit, it's the wrong bicycle for you.

To help your authorized dealer speed the process along, you can visit www.ifbikes.com and download our Custom Fit Form found at the top of the page on our site and start the process yourself. It is very important to fill in the information clearly, accurately, and thoroughly. Print slowly and clearly and take the time to precisely measure your body dimensions and the information about your existing bicycle (if that information is relevant). Remember, this is an investment in your health, comfort, riding pleasure, and performance; in essence your life. Skipping key questions or not filling out all of the information only forces us to contact your IF dealer and get the information needed. This can lead to delays in the design process, and consequently, a distancing of the delivery date. After you and your authorized dealer have filled out the information together we will need for your IF dealer to fax or email the completed Fit Form to start the design process.



The typical turnaround for custom design is 48-72 hours depending on the order load and the thoroughness and accuracy of the completed Fit Form. Once your final design is finished and you and your IF dealer have approved of it, your dealer will sign it, send it to IF World Headquarters, and we will add your new bicycle to the production flow. For titanium frames this will require a \$1,000 non refundable deposit at the time of approval. After this point, no changes can be made. It is imperative for you to choose your paint scheme and decals before this time. We understand the difficulty that is involved in selecting a paint job but dragging your feet will most certainly increase the lead time for your new IF. Due to the nature of custom frames, custom geometry, customer specific materials, and custom paint design work, the lead time for your new IF will vary and the estimate we give your dealer is tentative only. This is not a promised delivery date to the store, but rather our best estimate as to the day that your new custom frame set will leave our Somerville frame building studio.

Please remember that at Independent Fabrication, custom designing a bicycle is not an ethereal process. Proper fit is a combination of algebra, trigonometry, geometry, calculus, and honed intuition. It is a logical mathematical equation coupled with years of fit experience and analysis. At IF, we have the resources and talent to combine all of the data provided and produce some of the most refined and best fitting framesets available. Eleven years and thousands of custom designs later, the process has become more refined and the fabrication and finish techniques have only improved. We have become a leader in the world of custom bicycles because we really care about what we do. We design them, build them, and ride them. Every day.