

Ratings	
<b>Bike</b>	
Frame	9.25
Fork	8.25
Wheels	7.5
Groupset	7.25
Components	8.75
Looks	9.0
Weight	9.0
Value	7.75



### Performance

Climbing	9.75
Descending	8.0
Cornering	8.0
Sprinting	8.0
<b>TOTAL AVE</b>	<b>8.37</b>

Bruce Reyneke, importer of Tommasini bikes to South-Africa, said in jest that we're wasting our time doing a test, 'I can tell you now the Tommasini will be the best'. Well, it didn't take long for the Tommasini to begin inspiring plenty of positive comment from each test rider.

Weighing in at 8,7kg, the Tommasini was equal lightest -of the four bikes and its lack of weight was most evident on the climbs. Each test rider mentioned the swiftness with which the Tommasini ascended, likely a combination of the lightness, the frame angles and the stiffness of the bell-shaped Columbus aluminium top end down tubes. Because of the very light frame -just on 1kg -the downtube on the Premier Plus has a 42mm diameter, as opposed 38mm on other frames in the Tommasini stable. This extra 4mm is designed to prevent frame flex under forces of riders weighing more than 75kg. The Tommasini has an integrated headset which result in beefed up and therefore stronger headtube and fork crown, adding to the bike's rigidity and front-end strength (see sidebar for more an integrated headsets). The seat stays and chain stays are curved to assist in softening what on many aluminium frames can be a hard, unforgiving ride. Clearly quality is regarded above quantity by Tommasini in that only 2 500 frames are manufactured each year at the factory in Grosseto in the Tuscany region of Italy.



In probably the most subjective category, the Tommasini scored top marks for looks. The pearl white frame is punctuated by single-tone blue decals with a hint of burgundy on the top and downtubes. Verdict: A classy looking machine with a ride to match. This turned out to be the top bike in the test with its superior climbing properties very evident to each test rider. With a Campagnolo Record (top of the range) groupset, the Tommasini Premier Plus would achieve dreambike Status.



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