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THE NEW SPECIALIZED PROLONG MOUNTAIN BIKE SADDLE DESIGNED BY WILDERNESS TRAIL BIKES

Wilderness Trail Bikes has designed a new mountain bike-specific saddle for Specialized. The ProLong was created because road saddles just don't meet the requirements of off-road riding. Now even road riders are finding they like the shape of the ProLong better than traditional saddles (despite the lack of a rear-deck spoiler).

WTB suggests you try one of the new ProLong saddles so that you can experience the design breakthroughs yourself. Charlie Cunningham, Steve Potts, Mark Slate and Patrick Seidler, known as WTB Licensing, designed the ProLong with the special requirements of steep ascents and descents in mind.

When seated on the bike, the fore-aft position of the rider in relation to the bottom bracket should remain constant for maximum power. This is easy to achieve in road riding terrain, but in off-road riding a cyclist encounters steep hills. Take a look at the ProLong saddle and see why Wilderness Trail Bikes is known for *Innovations That Endure.* You'll notice that the saddle is longer than conventional saddles. WTB designed it this way so the rider can maintain ergonomic efficiency. To keep that important relation to the bottom bracket, a rider inches farther forward on the saddle as he climbs. On a traditional saddle, he runs out of support. On the ProLong he not only has enough room, but the nose is wider with a larger radius and smoother curves to make the rider's extreme forward position more comfortable and easier to sustain.

Viewed from the top, the back of the ProLong saddle is more rounded than conventional saddles. From the side, the ProLong has a broad radius curve at the rear. You know that during steep descents and during technical riding, the cyclist must slide on and off the rear of the saddle to control weight distribution and wheel loading. The smoothly curved rear of the ProLong saddle makes this easier. It also prevents clothing from snagging on the saddle.

The new WTB-designed Specialized ProLong mountain bike saddle is available in two models, both having the same shape. The standard ProLong has weatherproof BioAstrale covering and durable steel rails and weighs 388 grams. The ProLong T1 has titanium alloy rails, is covered in fine garment-grade leather and weighs 230 grams.

Both saddles are available now from Wilderness Trail Bikes. To order call (415) 924-9632. If you have any technical questions, ask for Fred, Tony, or Mark. They'll be glad to talk to you about the ProLong's innovative design features.