

One-Month on the eXotic 29er Carbon fork & twenty6 levers

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I've got a couple of quick impressions on some items I'm testing. Each one has been on the test bike for about a little over a month and I've been able to put in a lot of rides on them since there has been [excellent weather](#) here in Southern California.



eXotic Carbon 29er fork, light, stiff & strong

The first item I'm testing is the [eXotic Carbon Rigid 29er fork](#). The bike I'm testing the carbon fork on originally came with a nice steel fork. I'll always be thankful for that steel fork because it really turned me on to riding rigid, so much so that I did not want to go away from it to ride a squishy up front.

Now that I'm back on the rigid my love for riding rigid has returned. Not only that but because its carbon, the front end is now so much lighter and trail chatter has been reduced. I took it out to San Juan trail and had a great time riding it both up and down the singletrack. I enjoyed the climbs because the carbon fork dropped about 2 lbs off the bike and I could definitely feel the reduced weight at times. As we were resting at the top, I did think it'd be a sufferfest back to the car. Although I did suffer a little the precision & predictability of the fork more than made up for it.