

HIGHS

Stiff and light but forgiving enough when things get rough

Have proven really tough so far

Well-priced

LOWS

Graphics are a bit Marmite

Most
wanted

MBUK

Sector 9i wheelset £1,100

These Sector enduro/trail wheels are reasonably priced considering their construction. The rims are made from a blend of unidirectional T700 carbon and Innegra – a fibre derived from polypropylene – to produce a wheelset with lightweight carbon performance but the comfort associated with alloy hoops. At 1,690g per pair (29in), they're a competitive weight. The five-degree hub pick-up, combined with the low weight, means they accelerate rapidly as soon as you push on the pedals. In terms of comfort, they've never caused us to finish a run having to peel our fingers off the bar, even on the roughest trails. We're yet to give them a real alpine thrashing, but they've handled everything South Wales can throw at them. Even with Maxxis EXO tyres (their lightest casing) fitted and a number of rim impacts, we've had zero damage to the rim and no punctures (super-stiff rims tend to pinch the tyre more easily due to a lack of compliance). They track precisely enough that we could easily pinpoint, and stick to, the same lines every time, but aren't so stiff that we ever got thrown off-line. Nor do they feel over-flexy or vague through high-load turns. **Luke**

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MBUK VERDICT

These wheels feel great, are competitive on the scales and are fairly priced for carbon too

