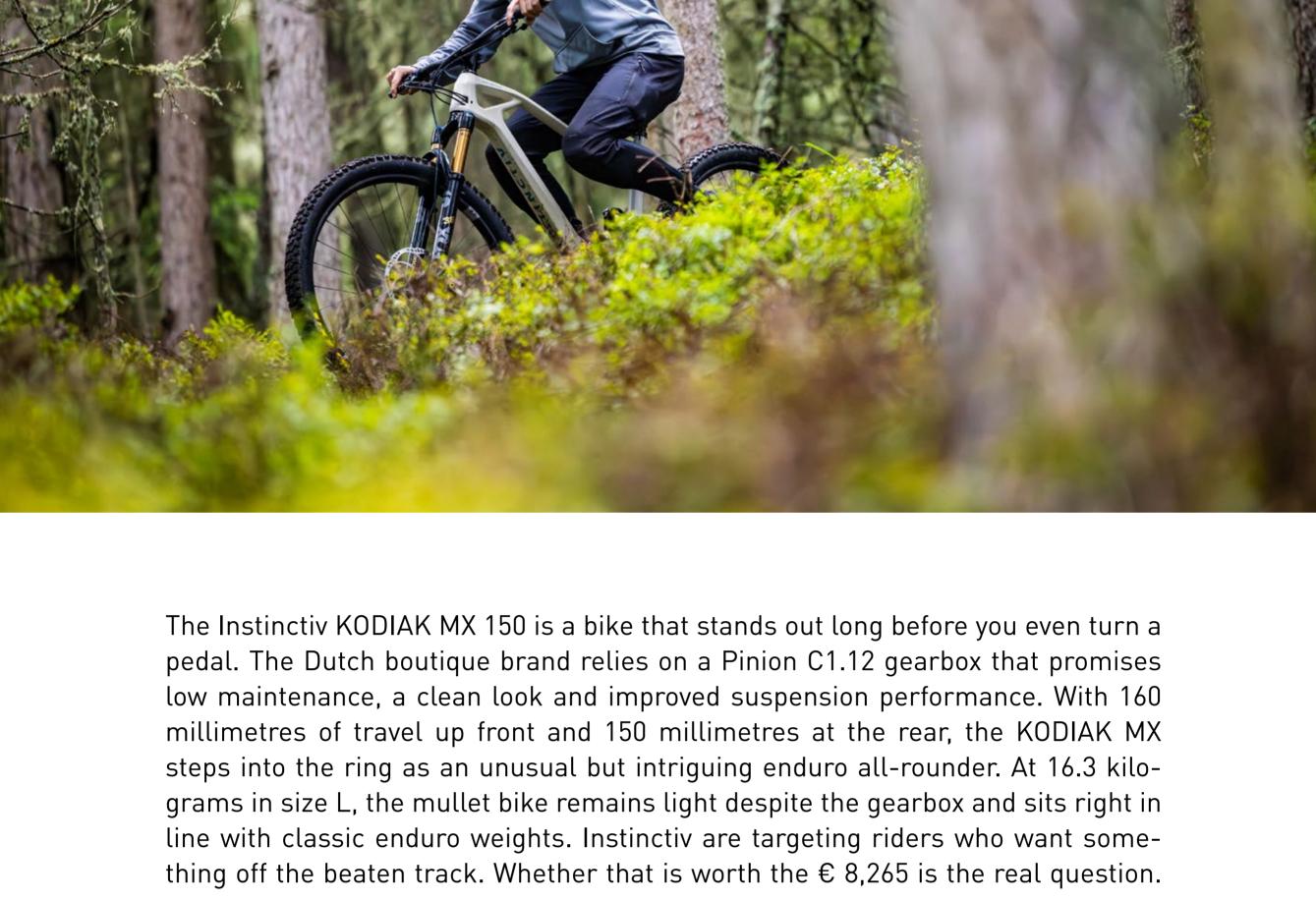


exotic appeal?





Make sure you fit tires with a sturdier casing.

• Fit a larger rear brake rotor.

The Instinctiv KODIAK is available in three suspension travel options – 130, 140 and 150 mm. The 150 mm version is clearly aimed at riders who love pointing

downhill and is available either as a full 29er or, like our test bike, as an MX variant.

Beyond that, you can further customise your Kodiak through the online bike con-

figurator.

sits the PUMA suspension design, a multi-link rear end with a compact, low-slung

linkage. This frees up plenty of space inside the main triangle, making good use of

the tool mount on the top tube and the bottle cage mounts. The chainstay is well

protected, but the Kodiak lacks a small fender between the main pivot and the

swingarm. That omission is all the more painful given that the paintwork proved

The frame design of the Instinctiv KODIAK MX 150 immediately grabs your attention. The carbon front triangle looks clean and modern, defined by flowing lines, a large opening behind the head tube and an overall futuristic silhouette. At its core

sensitive to rock strikes during our testing sessions. The cockpit also stands out for the wrong reasons. With three levers, four clamps and five cables running into the frame through threaded cable ports, it's the messiest-looking cockpit in the entire test field. Instinctiv rely on a FOX Factory suspension consisting of a 36 Factory fork with the older GRIP2 damper, and a matching FLOAT X Factory shock. Both deliver solid on-trail performance, even if some of the other bikes in this test field benefit from the latest damper cartridges. **GLASSES** CAFE DU CYCLISTE GABIN

The short dropper limits a more comfortable

climbing position, although aside from

that the Kodiak climbs very capably.



HELMET GIRO TYRANT



The Instinctiv KODIAK MX 150 comes in three frame sizes – MD, LG and XL – and is

designed to suit riders from 165 to 205 centimetres tall. This gives Instinctiv a wide

overall size range, even if the jumps between sizes are quite big at times. Reach

values span from 446 millimetres in MD to 513 millimetres in XL, with a sizeable

35-millimetre increment between MD and LG. The head angle sits at 64.0 degrees,

which makes the KODIAK a touch steeper than many of the more downhill-focused

bikes in this test field. At 430 mm, Instinctiv use the shortest chainstays of all the

bikes on test, which clearly nudges the KODIAK MX 150 towards agility and a playful

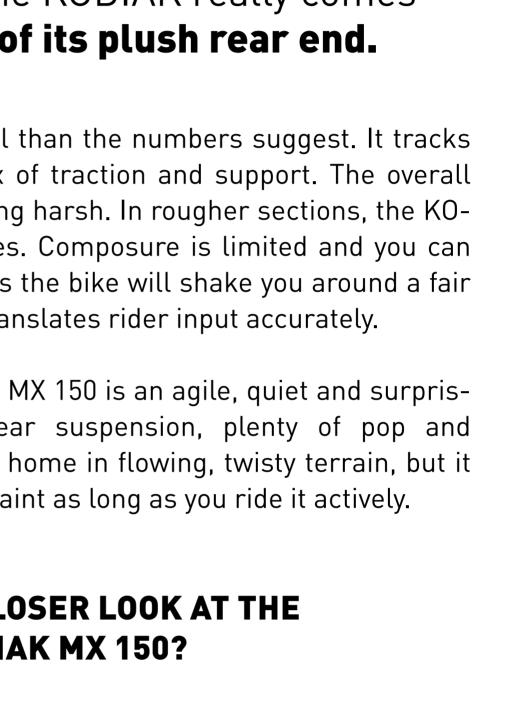
ride feel.

In flowing, twisty sections the KODIAK really comes alive and makes full use of its plush rear end. The suspension feels like it has more travel than the numbers suggest. It tracks the ground well and offers a balanced mix of traction and support. The overall tune is on the firmer side without ever feeling harsh. In rougher sections, the KO-DIAK shows both strengths and weaknesses. Composure is limited and you can feel brake bumps quite clearly, which means the bike will shake you around a fair bit. It stays in control, though, and translates rider input accurately. All things considered, the Instinctiv KODIAK MX 150 is an agile, quiet and surprisingly versatile bike with an excellent rear suspension, plenty of pop and well-rounded performance. It feels most at home in flowing, twisty terrain, but it will handle rough tracks without complaint as long as you ride it actively.

On the trail, the KODIAK MX 150 feels nimble

and precise, and the Pinion drive keeps it

pleasantly quiet.



CHARACTERISTICS UPHILL efficient harsh **SUSPENSION**

planted

terrible

playful

confident

balanced

sluggish

nervous

demanding

cumbersome

AGILITY

STABILITY

HANDLING

Agile handling

Strong rear-end traction

Good all-round character

Quiet on the descents

CONCLUSION The Instinctiv KODIAK MX 150 is a bike for individualists. It's technically distinctive,

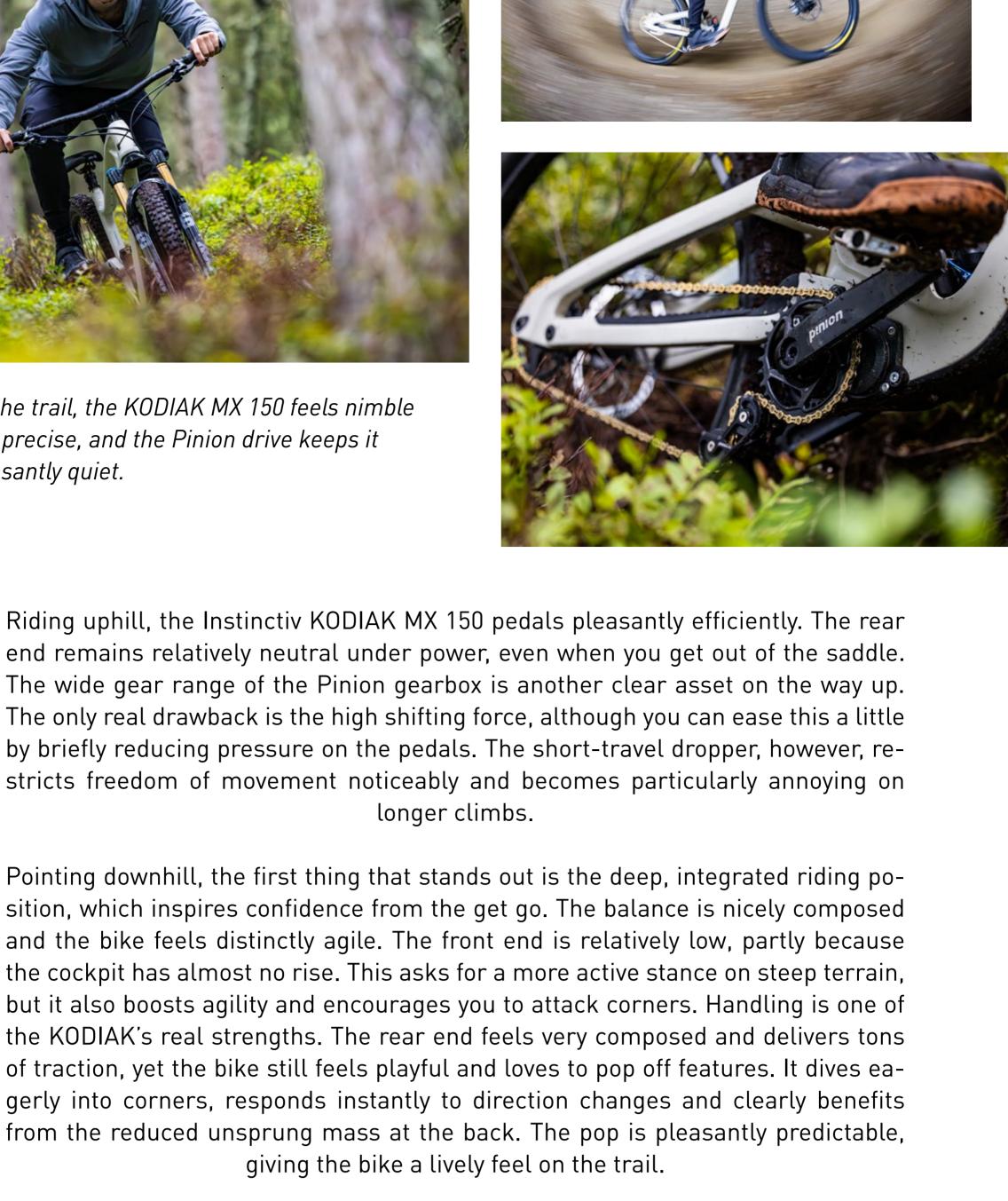
TOPS

delivers a well-judged blend of traction, support and playful character.

EXPLANATION (3)

plush

poppy

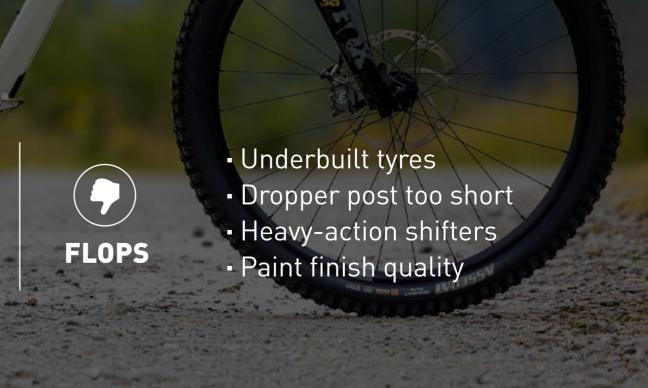


WHO SHOULD TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE **INSTINCTIV KODIAK MX 150?** The Instinctiv KODIAK MX 150 is ideal for anyone who wants to ride off the beaten track and appreciates the appeal of a gearbox-driven bike. If you are after a versatile, agile enduro all-rounder that stands out from the crowd with its Pinion drivetrain, distinctive design and lively handling, this one is right up your street.

visually unique and surprisingly versatile on the trail. The Pinion drivetrain keeps things quiet, reduces maintenance and gives the rear suspension a planted, composed feel, while the agile handling and deep, integrated riding position make the KODIAK come alive on twisty, flowing trails. It lacks a bit of composure in rough terrain and the short dropper is limiting both uphill and down, but the suspension

FUN FACTOR

VALUE FOR MONEY very good



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