

Halo Vapour 35 27.5" £370

Halo's updated Vapour wheels are a fast-reacting, bigger-tyre-friendly bargain. We were impressed by the performance of last year's test set, but not by the easy-to-lose end caps. Thankfully, Halo have now improved the O-ring-retained front axle adapters so that they're much more secure. The rear ones are screw-on now too. That aside, the non-welded but eyeleted rims are acceptably stiff and strong, and the build, with 32 double-butted spokes, is sound

enough to handle a whole lot of turn-slapping without worry. They come pre-taped (valves are extra) and hold low pressures well. You've got the option of Halo's fast-reacting MT Supadrive rear hub (as specced here) or the slower but ultra-reliable MT 6Drive for £45 to £55 less. 'Stealth' rims with subtler logos are available too

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