

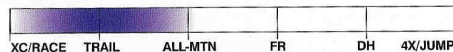
PRODUCT TESTS

WeeRide Child Seat

Price: \$169.95

Contact: WeeRide Australia, www.weeride.com.au

Intended use



Rear-mounted baby seats require a hardtail so they can be mounted properly. They offer the child a front row view of your back and not much else and if you do venture off-road they're about as comfortable as that seat at the back of the bus.

The WeeRide promises to change all that with its front mounting system. It can mount to any mountain bike, even dual suspension models. We put ours on a 5-inch Cannondale Prophet and left the paved cycle routes in our dust. But before you're treating your young prodigy to the sweetness of singletrack you have to conquer a couple of hurdles with the front mount bar – it comes supplied with two 50mm bolts, but to straddle the girth of a traditional mountain bike headtube it really needs to come with 80mm bolts. The second problem is that the mounting bar is made of steel and it doesn't have much protection around the mount point on the headtube. We

used some rubber to avoid damaging the paintwork on our precious steed. From there it's as simple as mounting the other end to the seat post and then placing the seat on with the simple one-bolt, no-tool fastening screw supplied – designed so you can remove the seat in a flash if you want to ride kiddie-free.

With the longer bolts it will fit nearly any bike we've tried, except those with short, uniform headtube diameters as the mount position slides up too easily.

The seat comes with only minor padding so we used a little extra foam to make it more comfortable for the kids on longer rides. The foot rests have adjustment in them via a simple no-tool lever. We have often been out on three hour plus off-road rides without any complaints from our little passenger up front. In fact, they love the fact they



can see the trail, can chat to you as you ride and even steer the handlebars from this position.

It'd have to be the most under-rated kiddie product on the market, but if you're into bikes and want your kids to be too, then get one of these for sure. They accommodate kids from 9-months onwards (providing they can hold their head up and have some strength in their neck muscles) and can take them up to 18kg. Lastly, while the extra weight is noticeable, being in the mid-to-front of the bike, you quickly adapt to its affect on the handling. We were doing jumps in no time, much to the shrieks and



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Build Quality	★★
Fitment	★★
Durability	★★★
Function	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★

squeals of delight from the kids. The only downside is that you have this annoying little voice demanding you go faster on the climbs!

– DEREK MORRISON