



Our model recreating that messenger style with a little cap, a messenger bag and spectacles.

His mum thinks he looks cool.

wheels are nothing exciting but are notably track orientated with no QRs. Stops them getting knicked outside starbucks.

Carbon fork gives a nice ride up front...

48T chanking will break you

GENESIS FLYER 55

I'll start by saying that your eyes don't deceive you, this is a one geared road bike in Shred Mag. I won't apologise because I thought the bike was pretty interesting so I got one sent down for a 'test' and the rest is history.

Lets talk first a little about the whole 'fixie' London messenger look that is floating around at the minute. I have felt myself strangely drawn towards it's urban hero'esque steeze but in truth it is really as passé as buying some camos and a swiss army knife (in a belt pouch) and thinking you are some kind of Rambo. Quite why all the messengers in London kick off when people buy fixed wheel bikes, timbuk2 bags and bandanas is beyond me. They should be stoked that people what to look like them. The whole thing is akin to Goths, a whole bunch of 'individuals' that tragically end up looking (and smelling) the same.

Anyway, bike review. First up this bike is available as a frame/fork/h'set for £299, that is the best way to buy it unless you have no road parts whatsoever in your house in which case you may want to consider paying £499 for the whole bike. Frame construction is good, part spec is reasonable for the price, saddle is hard as concrete. If you are a fake-enger or messenger then you'll be happy enough pedalling the massive gear on this bike, down here in Devon we have a few hills so I couldn't ride it too far before the 48x18 tore my calf muscles from my bones. You'll probably want to change it for a smaller ring size. Did we run it fixed? No way, when Mr Shimano invented the freehub I think that was time to hang up the fixed wheel lark, it may be a good way to 'toughen' up roadies but it also a good way to spoil a nice ride.

Final verdict? A nice bike if you can stand the limitations of the ride. If you are a middle class fashionista then you'll buy this, a Bianchi Pista or you'll pay through the nose for something more 'individual'. If you are a roadie then you'll gear it down and make it into a nice winter training bike.