## **SLIDE 150 8.0 HD**

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"The spec sheet for the 27.5in Slide 150 8.0 is certainly an impressive read for the price, with almost every part proudly carrying a label of excellence. In addition, it also boasts a natty fashion sense with its smartly matching orange anodised outfit. At first glance, it's perhaps a little too easy to assume its position as a class leader. But is it?

## THE FACTS

A sleek, hydroformed aluminium frame is easy on the eye but looks aesthetically familiar to a handful of popular trail bikes. Welds are clean and bottle cage mounts are on the down tube, but high volume Continental tyres ask questions about clearance under a low seatstay brace. The 14.06kg Slide is geared with an 11-speed SRAM GX groupset of which performance is impressive throughout, with little noticeable difference from SRAM's pricier offerings. A 30 tooth chainring on the Race Face Turbine cranks makes light of difficult climbs with a 42 tooth low gear at the back. A RockShox Monarch Plus rear shock controls 150mm of travel well with little pedal bob in or out of the saddle and is a great match for the 160mm Yari up front. The wide Race Face cockpit is fitted with soft Ergon rubber and powerful yet wooden Magura MT5 brakes. Our larger testers found the Radon to have a slightly cramped feel, due to a short front centre. That said, it's an impressive bike and once set up, the suspension felt beautifully balanced and excitable. Stiff and smooth rolling DT Swiss wheels matched with a love-it or hate-it Continental Trail King tyre helped the bike to stick at speed and it handled everything we threw at it with reassuring confidence. We liked the Ergon seat, bolted to Radon's JD Vario dropper post, which was somewhat stubborn and often required a hard burn compression to shift. The return action was better and the lever quite manageable. [...]

FAZIT "Although short for a modern day large, and with the issues of a loosening bolt, still this bike can't be ignored. It has by far the best spec on test and performs well on all areas of the trail. If you're someone who likes a label as much as a bargain, the Slide 150 should be getting you excited.."

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RAHMEN	Aluminium /16/18/20/22"
GABEL	Rock Shox Yari, RC, SA/160 mm
DÄMPFER	Rock Shox Monarch Plus R/150mm
LAUFRADSATZ	DT Swiss E1900 Spline Two
BREMSE	Magura MT5 180/180 mm
KURBEL	Race Face Turbine, 30T, BSA, 175mm
SCHALTWERK	SRAM GX1 Long Cage/ SRAM GX
SATTELSTÜTZE	JD Vario 100, 31,6x400mm
REIFEN	Schwalbe "Magic Mary" SG VS, 2,4
GEWICHT	13,55 kg (ohne Pedale)
PREIS	2.199 €



