



Reynolds 58 AERO £2,100

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THE 58 is the shallowest wheel in Reynolds' new high-end aero range, which also includes 72 and 90mm models. The brand is gunning straight for Zipp and ENVE with these fast, light carbon clinchers that are stable in windy conditions. But instead of using a 'fat' profile like their rivals, Reynolds has developed a sharp-edged shape called DET – Dispersive Effect Termination – that's said to take all aspects of good airfoil design into account, not just low drag.

The 58s are instantly impressive. They're the stiffest conventionally-spoked wheels we've tested and they accelerate quickly, feel lighter than their measured 1,605g when climbing, and corner with vigour.

Braking is great in the dry but there's the familiar

carbon wheel pause before anything happens in the wet. They feel as fast as they claim to be, delivering higher speeds than we're used to for a given number from our power meter – it's no wind tunnel test, but we're sure these are rapid. The real magic, though, is the stability. Even in strong crosswinds on open ground (with a 71kg rider) they stay calm and barely move off line an inch.

VERDICT

This is a fast wheelset that will repay your investment with its huge versatility

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