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it hard to get comfortable. A shorter stem or higher-rise bar would fix this.

We were never short of gears, even on the steepest climbs, ably assisted by the Maxxis Minion DHF/DHR combo, which gives ample grip on trail-centre surfaces. But we couldn't find a comfortable position for the shifter, an SX Eagle downgrade with a bulky bar clamp that isn't compatible with SRAM's MatchMaker system, and had to move our hand closer to the paddles to use them.

On the descents, the Piglet's low front end makes tackling steeper terrain harder – with less weight on the rear wheel, it's tricky to get traction when braking. The 35mm-stanchion Revelation fork impressed, handling weight transfer through slow compressions and down steep descents well, thanks to the two volume spacers in the DebonAir spring. On repetitive hits, the damper can get overwhelmed, but overall, the fork performs well. The 650b wheels

HIGHS

Supportive fork, thanks to adjustable air spring volume

Grippy tyres and generally good component spec

LOWS

Stack height is too low to comfortably tackle steep descents

Shifter downgrade makes for frustrating gear changes

can't smooth-out slow-speed trail chatter as well as bigger hoops and are the heaviest here, making the Ragley slower to get up to speed than the 29ers on test. But it feels pretty composed when riding quickly. The wheels don't feel that stiff, but with inner tubes fitted there's a noticeable reduction in tyre compliance compared to the bikes that come set up tubeless, and lower pressures are required to achieve similar comfort.

Overall, the Piglet is a solid performer, but more suited to trail-centre laps and undulating singletrack than hardcore sending.

MBLIK VERDICT

While comfortable, a few geometry and spec tweaks would vastly improve its abilities



FOR A LITTLE MORE

Ragley Blue Pig Race £2,200

If you need a bit more than the Piglet can give, the Blue Pig is a 650b-wheeled, 160mm-travel enduro monster.



FOR A LITTLE LESS

Ragley Marley 1.0 £1,300

The Marley cuts costs with an aluminium frame and cheaper SX Eagle gearing, but still gets a dropper and Maxxis tyres.