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**SPECIALIZED RUBY PRO**

**PRICE:** \$4,400 **SIZES:** 44, 48, 51, 54, 56cm **HIGHLIGHTS:** Shimano Dura-Ace brake/shift levers, derailleurs, brakes, crank (39/53), cassette (12/27), bottom bracket and 7801 700c wheelset; Specialized S-Works carbon women's handlebar and Body Geometry Jett women's saddle **CONTACT:** 408/779-6229; [specialized.com](http://specialized.com)

The Ruby is a serious road bike that's built just for women.

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Conventional wisdom has been that if a woman wants a high-performance bike she should find a small men's model and steer clear of a women's-specific bike, because the latter often cater to beginner- to mid-level riders. This year, with a few all-carbon women's frames debuting with high-end parts, there's no need for women to compromise on fit with men's bikes. Of the new crop, Specialized's Ruby Pro stands out for its attention to detail, starting with the 1,020-gram (2.2 pounds in the 51cm size) monocoque frame with women's geometry and a proprietary fork that prevents toe overlap while keeping handling sharp. After frame and fork tweaks, many manufacturers add a cushy saddle and call it a woman's bike. But Specialized gives the Ruby a performance saddle and a short-reach carbon handlebar with small-hand ergonomic touches. For those with mitts so tiny that brake-lever reach is a stretch, Specialized even offers a shim to reduce reach by 7 millimeters. All of this adds up to a ride for expert women that's sure to be comfortable, confident and speedy.—Loren Mooney