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For this Mongoose Wanderer AL Tandem Bike Review we decided to go online and collect the information from what other buyers are saying.

Rachel Lae Says: Love It !!

"I needed to order this bike because I have an 8yr old son who has Autism and cannot ride alone because he tends to ride away & not come back. We took the bike to a bike shop to be put together to avoid any mistakes and it runs beautifully! My son got the hang of it quickly and it is a smooth ride. At first its a little awkward because you have to learn to balance with two people but once you get it its great!"

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Gus Says : Fun Per Dollar - Off The Charts

"I looked at tandems all over the price range, including used ones costing much more than this new one, before deciding on this. It's perfect for our needs as new tandem riders. Yes, its a lower end bike. But it is a fraction of the cost of a higher end bike, and even a fraction of the used ones we looked at. A new Kia is a better car for most people than a 15 year old Mercedes - and this bike is better for most people than an older higher end tandem.

Many of the reviews I read on this bike said it was hard to assemble. I didn't think so. With some metric allen wrenches and a pump, it was ready to ride in about an hour. Most of the time spent was removing protective packaging and making minor adjustments to get the seating position right and brakes adjusted. Simple stuff that most anyone can do.

I didn't find a lot of info on sizing, so here is some. I'm 6'0". The captains perch fits me OK, but it's a little on the small side. The seat is about as high as it goes in the adjustment range and the bars are three inches or so lower than the seat. That's fine for me since I'm a road rider, but many people may want to swap out taller bars or stem. My wife is 5'4". The stoker perch fits her perfectly. The seat is about in the middle of the adjustment range and the bars are comfortable for her.

Like most people, I'm making some changes to make the bike fit best for us. I've already replaced the stoker seat with a gel padded one so she's comfortable. I'm replacing tires with a smoother tread pattern to make it roll easier and with less vibration. And I expect to upgrade other things like pedals over time, but it works fine as is. The SRAM shifting works perfect, and the brakes are much better than I expected considering they are slowing a heavy bike with two people aboard.

All in all, I couldn't be happier with this purchase. The fun per dollar quotient is outstanding, and it allows us to get out and ride together with each of us working as hard as we choose, and it allows for easy conversations as we ride.

One tip - I did some reading first on tandem etiquette. The best articles I found came from Santana - the bike I'll upgrade to if we decide we want a higher end bike. The Golden Rule is "the stoker makes no mistakes". With that in mind, my wife is confident that she can do no wrong on the bike, and I'm reminded that everything that happens on the bike is my responsibility. I like it, because it definitively answers any questions, and minimizes the chance of quarrels. "

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