Weld Joints

• Weak weld joints (holes, gloms, sharp edges)





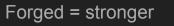
Versus this crisper weld joint which is better.

Drop outs

 Rear dropout is flimsy / narrow / stamped steel



vs





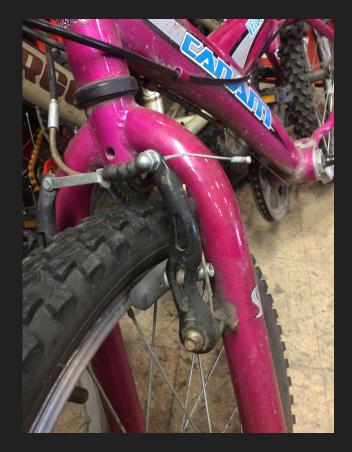
Stamped = less strong



Component materials

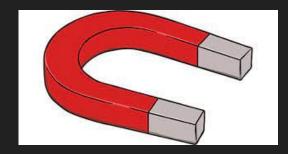
- Plastic / composite components
- Thin brake calipers





Chain Rings to avoid

- Chain rings riveted (rather than bolted)
- Steel crank arms >> Heavy





Built to Fail - very subtle

- Notice the design:
 - Fake bolt holes
 - Made to look fancy
 - Steel crank arm



Built to Fail

- Suspension fork not serviceable
- No tool fitting
 - Can't disassemble

