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To be honest we've had the new dual-crown Maverick forks kicking around the *AMB* office for a while. They've been strapped to a Santa Cruz Blur, which we test on page 66 of this issue, but we thought we'd offer our impressions of them on their own too. First up, let's just say they are light! Incredibly so! The Maverick fork has 6" (150mm) of air-sprung, oil-damped, adjustable (to 4"/100mm) travel and comes in at just 1686g (not including hub). The result is plush as a pillow. As with anything new and revolutionary we kept prodding and poking, dropping and jumping the things until we could say nothing other than they are here to stay. The only issue we had involved the quick-release playing up, but all forks now come with a QR-saving clip. The welded upper crown and steerer shaft combination knock weight out of the fork. But the custom 24mm hub (included) means DH fork stiffness is now entering the trail market at a weight that will have you wheelieing all the way to the LBS. And it's already bolted to Tony F Nolan's trusty Ellsworth Id. Nuff said!

RRP: \$1785 (INCLUDING HUB)

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