



Salsa Fargo Frame Size Guide

The Fargo is a unique bicycle and sometimes leaves folks just a bit confused when choosing which size they should ride. We've received a few questions about this, so here's a little background on the design intent of the Fargo.

The Fargo is a 29'er adventure mountain bike designed for drop bars. It's a mountain bike because it uses mountain seat tube lengths (16, 18, 20", etc.), has a stronger tube set, and is designed to use wide knobby 29'er tires, disc brakes and mountain cranksets.

The "designed for drop bar" part is important, and where things start to differ from the norm. When riding in the drops (the lower hook portion), your hands are both below and in front of the handlebar centerline, commonly measured as the drop and reach (see Figure 1). Since traditional flat or riser mountain bars do not have drop and reach, your hands are generally in line with the handlebar centerline.

When you replace a flat bar on a traditional mountain bike with a drop bar using the same stem, you find that when your hands are "in the drops" they are now further forward and much lower than originally.

The Fargo has two key features to account for this discrepancy:

- A shorter toptube compensates for some of the extra reach that drop bars have (Example: medium El Mariachi ETT = 600mm, medium Fargo = 575mm)
- The headtube is longer to help compensate for the extra drop that drop bars have

Note: Since all body types are different, there are folks who may prefer a shorter toptube length, and in this case the Fargo may work for them in a flat bar set up. We optimized the Fargo for drop bar use, however, so riders who use a flat bar will need to carefully choose a stem that gives them a proper fit.

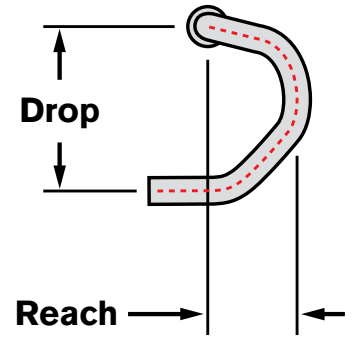


Figure 1



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Methods for Selecting a Fargo Frame Size

Method 1: Compare to your Salsa mountain bike

- If you currently own a Salsa mountain bike, select a Fargo frame of the same size
- For example, if you ride a large Ala Carte, look for a large Fargo. If you ride a small Big Mama, choose a small Fargo

Method 2: Compare another mountain bike to Salsa's mountain frames

- Find out the geometry of your current, favorite, best-fitting mountain bike
- Compare that geometry to our mountain frames: El Mariachi, Ala Carte, Big Mama, El Kaboing, etc. Do not compare directly to the Fargo
- Choose the Salsa frame that has the closest seat tube length and effective toptube (ETT) length
- Once you determine what size Salsa mountain bike you would ride, proceed to Method 1 above

Method 3: Compare road or cyclocross frame geometry

- Compare the ETT length of your favorite, best-fitting frame to the ETT of the Fargo
- Since road and 'cross bikes come in tightly spaced size increments, use the stand-over height as an aid to decide which size Fargo to round up or down to

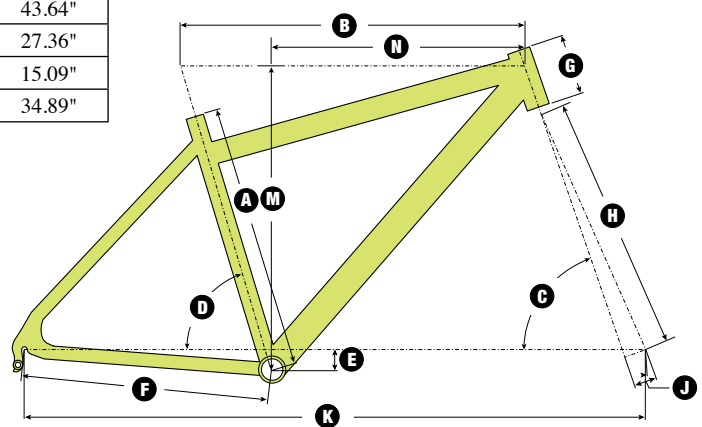
Method 4: Compare multiple bikes (for the most complete picture)

- Measure the ETT of your favorite, best-fitting road or 'cross bike (Method 3)
- Determine which Salsa mountain bike fits most like your best-fitting mountain bike (Method 2)
- Pick a Fargo size based on the ETT, then use the Salsa mountain size to round up or down

Method 5: Visit your local Salsa Authorized Dealer

- This document is meant to serve as a guide. The best possible way to ensure a properly fit frame is to visit the experts at your local bike shop. They are in the best position to help you
- Visit <http://salsacycles.com/dealers/> to find a Salsa retailer near you

	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	XX-Large
A. Seat Tube Length	16.0"	18.0"	20.0"	22.0"	24.0"
B. Toptube Effective	21.85"	22.63"	23.03"	23.62"	24.01"
C. Headtube Angle	70°	70°	70°	71°	71°
D. Seat Tube Angle	73°	73°	72°	72°	72°
E. BB Drop	3.0"	3.0"	3.0"	3.0"	3.0"
F. Chainstay Length	18.3"	18.3"	18.3"	18.3"	18.3"
G. Headtube Length	5.5"	6.3"	7.5"	8.3"	8.7"
H. Fork Length	17.32"	17.32"	17.32"	17.32"	17.32"
J. Fork Offset	2.16"	2.16"	2.16"	1.96"	1.96"
K. Wheel Base	42.47"	43.30"	43.28"	43.24"	43.64"
M. Stack	24.14"	24.88"	26.0"	26.99"	27.36"
N. Reach	14.38"	14.95"	14.52"	14.82"	15.09"
Stand Over	28.18"	29.87"	31.78"	33.45"	34.89"



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