

# TEST: BŁOTNIKI 28" SIMPLA UBIQUIT SDL

SZYMON WOŁDZIŃSKI , 28-11-2016



The Simpla Ubiquit SDL is one of the latest offers on the market for full mudguards for the 28 "wheels." The Polish manufacturer put a number of new solutions and

What effect did this have on practice?

Many people, especially those who perceive the bicycle as a means of daily transportation, cannot imagine their two wheels without mudguards - it is understandable because we do not want to risk getting unnecessarily wet or dirty from the wet road on the way to work, school or shopping. The second part of the cycling community, for which the bicycle is mainly entertainment or simply a training tool, with unforgiving mudguards usually in the autumn and winter - at that time training is extremely demanding and sometimes wet due to the low temperatures which can even prevent training in its full potential. For this reason, the obligatory list of equipment for autumn and winter warriors, alongside the lighting, is often replaced by good mudguards. This time we took a product at the workshop that combines the above two worlds - the one in which the bicycle is practical and the other - where cycling is an end in itself - speaks of the new mudguards of the Simpla brand, the Ubiquit SDL, dedicated for bicycles with a 28 "wheel with tyres ranging from 32 mm to 50 mm. In practice, this means that the Ubiquit SDL will be used in an urban, trekking , cross or cross-country. As a preface, it is worth adding, because not all readers may have realized that Simpla is a Polish producer. The brand from the southern part of our country (more precisely from Nysa) has managed to attract a great number of followers and is definitely not a market novice. How does this fit into the new model of the Simpla Ubiquit SDL mudguards?



## A GLANCE OF THE EYE AND TECHNOLOGIES

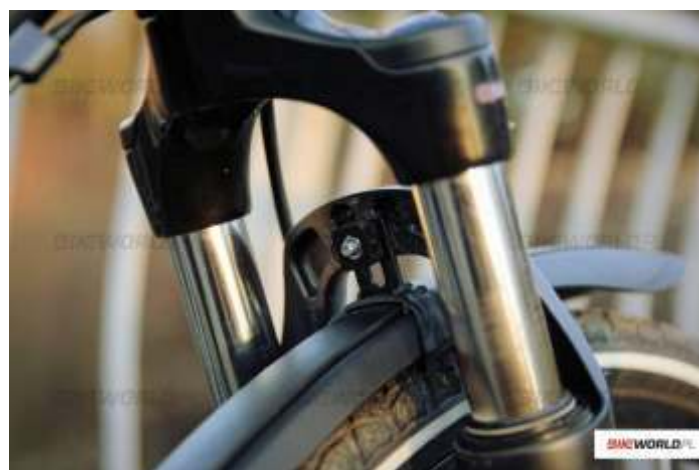
Even before mounting the mudguard for our cross tester, one thing stands in the way - the Ubiquiti is very resistant to all types of bending and at first glance you can see that the material made by Simpla is resistant - even when the mudguard is hit ferociously. There is no possibility of breaking it. Despite being made of solid and durable plastic, the Ubiquiti model also has a very good weight - in the catalogue it is classified at 340 grams, but is added up to about 30 grams (which the metal frame of many mudguards weighs) .



The mudguards come with a black matt aesthetic finish. In addition, our model was crowned with red at the end, as in splash guards (since it is a variant of the Chameleon range, which offers a considerable wealth of colour) - it is worth mentioning the technology that Simpla praises strongly - the injection of two components, allowing the permanent connection of materials in different colours. It is not possible to speak here of two different elements, because in general the black and the red material form a uniform whole, that first offers a very good look and then it is solid.



*How to assemble the rear mudguard*



*As we mentioned, the Ubiquiti model is fitted to 28 " wheels and is dedicated to tyres with a maximum width of 50 mm*

## INSTALLATION

As we mentioned, the Ubiquit model is fitted to 28 "wheels and is dedicated to tyres with a maximum width of 50 mm. Together with the mudguards you get a bag with assembly parts and two metal racks because the Ubiquit is of course fitted to a full mudguard model fitted " Permanently ", which involves the use of assembly tools.



*Thanks to the fact that it can be moved, the horseshoe significantly facilitates the adjustment of the mudguards.*

Simpla offers two versions of the Ubiquit Chameleon: SDS and SDL mudguards - the models differ in principle from only one of the mudguards, and to be more precise, in the SDL, the mudguard is completed with an eye to which you tighten the screw located just above the bracket. The SDS has a plastic clip that is simply pushed onto the seat tube. Both front and rear mudguards are also fixed with wire and top handle. A wide spectrum of regulation is desirable in this case - the upper handle can be moved freely (you push it in the slimmer part of the mudguard and insert it into the target), which in combination with metal wires allows all mudguards to be set relatively quickly and precisely. In order to select there are wire brackets or brackets which tighten to the metal bar by assembling and for assembling you choose the second option. With the help of the adapters we have mounted the front mudguard - after tightening the screws everything is stable and does not become loose, what is more important.



A few words about the assembly process - as befits complete mudguard, you have to devote some time to this element. In principle, Simpla gives us a few assembly options, although we admit that the instructions attached to the mudguards were quite minimal. The second matter is that from the beginning we had the impression that the package with the mudguard elements was incomplete. It is important to start with the fact that the metal frame around the axle is naturally screwed with a screw that is perpendicular to the frame. For this purpose, Simpla attaches two plastic adapters to the mudguards, which allow them to "slide out" from the frame / fork ports facing parallel and screw the mudguard without any difficulty. Everything would be perfect if there were 4 of them in the set (you had 2 - those in the front mudguard ), which would allow for quick assembly of the mudguards even for a cross race. We, in turn, mounted the mudguards to the cross bicycle, so with the luggage compartment seat, we did not have to use any adapter that we could successfully screw into the shock absorber. Unfortunately, our Suntour needed to tighten the wire through the frame by cutting, because appropriate slots were not on the axes and the line of disc brakes. As a result, we got tired of mounting, but the effect was exceptionally satisfactory - the mudflats were firmly fixed and the Ubiquit adjustment process itself was already old hat. The moral is that before you buy it is worth checking what type of mounting your bicycle needs, and you will avoid assembly complications.



## UBIQUIT SDL IN PRACTICE

As a solid full mudguard, the Ubiquit SDL protects very well against water and dirt by the wheels, allowing you to travel comfortably around the city or to train (for example, you assembled winter cross mudguards) - this is the main task facing for each mudguard, in which Simpla is an example to follow.

The stability of the mudguards deserves to be taken into account because once they are mounted, they hold securely, do not loosen up, and do not jump on the bumps - it is due to a well-thought out assembly system. As we mentioned, the Ubiquit model is also resistant to mechanical damage - if it is about flexion in the lateral directions, we offer a lot of flexibility. To sum up, once you have tackled the assembly, which naturally will be slightly longer than the incomplete models, assembled without tools, the Ubiquit SDL model will serve you long and effectively.



## SUMMARY

As a result of the introduction of its new Ubiquit model, Simpla has confirmed that they offer a very good price/quality ratio which is 60 zł for such a strong product and at the same time one which is well made, which is a great result. In addition, it is nice to see that these mudguards really look good (if in general it is possible say that about every mudguard of the brand), and thanks of the wide range of colours, you will ideally find a variant suitable for your bicycle. It is also worth emphasizing the fact that we are dealing with the work of the Polish brand, and that is something to praise!



## **Simpla Ubiquit Chameleon SDL 46 mm**

Material: Plastic – PP Fixing : Shock absorber, frame 25 mm – 40 mm, side wires

Wheel size: 28"

Tyre width: 32 mm – 50 mm

Attention: The rear mudguards protect the entire wheel

Mudguard colour: Black, white, titanium

Producer: [www.simpla.pl](http://www.simpla.pl)

Photos. Szymon Wołdziński