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Praxis Machine Works 11-40T 10spd cassette

£100 Who needs eleven speeds?

While **SRAM** and Shimano have been proudly proclaiming “Our gears go up to 11!” and making you buy a whole new setup, Praxis has asked “Why not just keep ten, and make them a little bigger?” With an 11-40 tooth range, this cassette matches Shimano’s 11-speed XTR for pure breadth of gearing, whilst keeping gaps consistent at around 18% - a considerable advantage over cassette extenders, which suffer from a mid-cassette gearing gap. It’s not cheap, but construction appears to be high quality. Most sprockets are stamped steel, but alloy spiders for the largest 6 sprockets and alloy teeth for the biggest two keep it nice and light at 324g. If you’re happy with your 10-speed gearing, but want a smooth, broad-ranging cassette for 1x simplicity, this could be just the ticket.

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