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The nylon-reinforced composite platform of the PA03As is large and concave. It's not possible to feel the chunky axle bulge, and the shape concentrates your weight on the pins, which provide incredible traction. There are 10 per side eight rear-loading, 4mm steel pins, plus two inboard in-moulded ones. These ensure there's almost no foot twist or 'walk' - once in place, your foot is stuck fast, unless you lift it off the pedal. The platform size means stability is good, with little clawing or foot flex. Foot pivoting is less of an issue than on smaller pedals, too. Chamfered edges help the pedals glance off rocks, aided by a light side taper. Both the body and the CNC-machined chromoly steel axle are robust. While the latter spins freely, regular maintenance is advised. Thankfully, they're serviceable with basic tools. With their concave profile, sharp pins and well-sized body, these offer traction and performance at a good price.

