

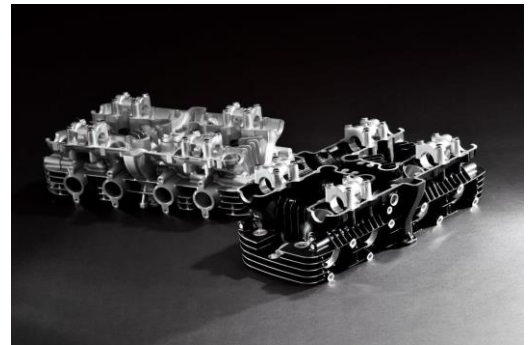
## Kawasaki To Reproduce Cylinder Heads for 1970s Z1 Motorcycles

### New Reproduced Parts for Legendary Z models

Foothill Ranch, Calif. (June 17, 2020) - Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. is excited to announce that it will now offer reproduced cylinder heads, manufactured in Japan, for the legendary Z1, KZ900 and KZ1000 motorcycles. Introduced in 1972, the original Z1 was one of the first models designed with the US market in mind and went on to solidify Kawasaki's position as a global leader in the large-displacement bike category.

The Z1 gained popularity immediately after its debut and sold well over 100,000 vehicles around the world. It is a historic model that came to be recognized as a symbol of Kawasaki motorcycles with its impressive power and high reliability that have been retained over the years, passed down to current-generation models.

As these long-popular, classic models near their 50-year anniversary, they remain loved and admired by many riders. Numerous Z1s are restored to beautiful, working condition, and can be found around the world today. In order to meet the needs of Z1 owners and collectors, Kawasaki has decided to reproduce cylinder heads for the Z1, KZ900 and KZ1000.



Kawasaki will reproduce the cylinder heads using current methods based on original part design plans and specifications. The cylinder heads will be manufactured by Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. in Japan and will be available in two colors, silver and black.

To be one of the first to receive one of these reproduced cylinder heads, pre-orders can be placed by contacting your local Kawasaki dealership and placing an order before June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Orders placed by this date are expected to arrive by Fall 2020. For more information please contact your local Kawasaki dealer or visit the [product information page](#) on Kawasaki.com.

#### Additional Information:

- Compatible Models: See compatibility chart on Kawasaki.com
- Not intended to be an exact copy of the original, including the shape and surface quality, based on production standards at the time
- Cylinder Head includes camshaft brackets, tappets, valves and peripheral parts
- Does not include camshafts, cylinder head cover, gaskets, etc.
- Features M8 exhaust-pipe-attachment stud bolt dimensions from later models
- Does not fit on the Kawasaki KZ1000 MKII and other so-called "square head" models, which feature a second-generation square cylinder head cover that is slightly thicker
- Product details, price and availability are subject to change without prior notice or liability

## **ABOUT KAWASAKI**

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. (KHI) started full-scale production of motorcycles over a half century ago. The first Kawasaki motorcycle engine was designed based on technical know-how garnered from the development and production of aircraft engines, and Kawasaki's entry into the motorcycle industry was driven by the company's constant effort to develop new technologies. Numerous new Kawasaki models introduced over the years have helped shape the market, and in the process have created enduring legends based on their unique engineering, power, design and riding pleasure. In the future, Kawasaki's commitment to maintaining and furthering these strengths will surely give birth to new legends.

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) markets and distributes Kawasaki motorcycles, ATVs, side x sides, and Jet Ski® watercraft through a network of approximately 1,100 independent retailers, with close to an additional 7,700 retailers specializing in general purpose engines. KMC and its affiliates employ nearly 3,100 people in the United States, with approximately 260 of them located at KMC's Foothill Ranch, California headquarters.

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