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**Kawasaki Ninja H2™ Named *Popular Science's* 2015 Best of What's New
*Kawasaki Ninja H2 Built Beyond Belief***

Irvine, California – (Dec. 16th, 2015) Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) is proud to announce that amid a long list of accolades already garnered by the [Kawasaki Ninja H2™](#), one of the most prestigious has just been awarded from [Popular Science Magazine](#). The Kawasaki Ninja H2 has been bestowed the 2015 [Best of What's New Award](#).

Since 1988, “the editors of *Popular Science* have sought out the products and technologies poised to change our world,” as according to *Popular Science* magazine. Referred to as *Popular Science's* top prizes, the Best of What's New Awards is a list of 100 items throughout 12 categories, and normally reserved for innovations such as smart phone apps, electric racecars, aerospace developments, and advancements in wireless technology.

“This is an affirmation of Kawasaki’s hard work to develop such a well designed and engineered motorcycle,” said Kawasaki Manger PR + Brand Experience Kevin Allen. “The Kawasaki Ninja H2 is a product that we’re extremely proud of.”

The Ninja H2 was named for being the World’s First Supercharged Street Motorcycle, as it’s the first production OEM motorcycle from a major manufacturer to feature a supercharger.

“Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI) worked with Kawasaki Gas Turbine & Machinery Company and Kawasaki Aerospace Company to develop the supercharger and body work on the Ninja H2, along with the Ninja H2™R,” said Allen.

The Kawasaki Ninja H2’s supercharger utilizes planetary gears that allow it to spin up to an amazing 130,000 rpm and develops 20.5 psi of boost pressure. The entire motorcycle is built with premium components such as a MotoGP® -style transmission with an electronic quick shifter, KYB® AOS-II air-oil separate cartridge forks and an adjustable KYB rear shock. Stopping power comes from two 330mm front discs with four-piston Brembo monobloc calipers along with a 2-piston Brembo caliper and 250mm disc in the rear.

“This motorcycle has unparalleled acceleration,” said Allen. “The Kawasaki Ninja H2 is truly built beyond belief.”

“The Best of What’s New awards honor the innovations that surprise and amaze us—those that challenge our view of what’s possible in the future,” said Cliff Ransom, editor-in-chief of *Popular Science*. “The award is *Popular Science*’s top prize, and the 100 winners—chosen from among thousands of nominees—are each a revolution in their respective fields.”

The editors of *Popular Science* review thousands of products in search of the top 100 tech innovations of the year—breakthrough products and technologies that represent a significant leap in their categories. The winners are announced in the December issue of *Popular Science*, on news stands now.

Following the link to view [Popular Science 2015 Best of What’s New Award](#).

For more information and photography of the [Kawasaki Ninja H2 and H2R click here or visit KawasakiMedia.com](#)

ABOUT POPULAR SCIENCE

Founded in 1872, *Popular Science* is the world’s largest science and technology magazine; with a circulation of 1.3 million and 6.8 million monthly readers. *Popular Science* is published by Bonnier Active Media, a subsidiary of Bonnier Corporation.

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 almost 1,200 independent retailers, with close to an additional 7,400 retailers specializing in general purpose engines. KMC and its affiliates employ nearly 3,100 people in the United States, with approximately 300 of them located at KMC’s Irvine, California headquarters.

Kawasaki’s tagline, “Let the good times roll.™”, is recognized worldwide. The Kawasaki brand is synonymous with powerful, stylish and category-leading vehicles. Information about Kawasaki’s complete line of powersports products and Kawasaki affiliates can be found on the Internet at www.kawasaki.com.